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#### States

Fired deputies: A suburban Atlanta sheriff who ordered a mass firing on his first day on the job was found in contempt of court Thursday for not complying with a judge's order to restore 23

deputies to their posts. Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill has until noon on Feb. 10 to restore the deputies or face a possible fine of \$1,000 a day, Judge Ben Miller said

The sheriff, who is black, has been at the center of a racially tinged furor in Jones-boro, Ga., since Jan. 3, when he fired the employees without warning and without saying The employees were mainly white men, several of them high-ranking officers

Kevorkian surgery: Assisted-suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian was released from prison in Detroit so he could undergo bilateral

hernia surgery, his attorney said. Kevorkian, 76, is serving a 10- to 25-year sentence for second-degree murder after being convicted of giving a fatal injection of drugs to a Lou Gehrig's disease patient in 1998

Leo Lalonde, a Michigan Department of Corrections spokesman, said Thursday that Kevorkian would undergo the surgery at a hospital in Jackson, about 80 miles west of Detroit. Kevorkian is under constant guard in a secure wing separate from regular patients, Lalonde said

Texas infant killing: A woman accused of killing her 10-month-old baby by cutting off her arms also stabbed herself in the left shoulder, according to recently filed medical records.

The self-inflicted wound, which left a three-inch gash, is another indication that Dena Schlosser "was not in her right mind" during the Nov. 22 incident, said her attorney, David Haynes

Police found Schlosser holding a knife in her Plano, Texas, living room while 10-month-old Margaret Schlosser lay in blood-soaked sheets in her crib

#### World

Iran nuke inspection: Iran has agreed to give the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency a fresh look at a military complex linked by the United States to possible atomic arms research, diplomats said Friday

The diplomats, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said no date for the inspection of the Parchin com-



Sasebo gardeners: Two gardeners from Sasebo Naval Base, Japan's Public Works department trim a tree Friday morning in the yard of Cmdr. Mark Weber, skipper of the USS Fort McHenry. "This is the fourth day they've been trimming in my yard," said Weber's wife, Itura. "They take such pride in their work."

plex had been set. But one of them suggested it could come before the planned Feb. 28 meeting of the board of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Sri Lanka tsunami relief: Some 400 survivors of Asia's devastating tsunami blocked a road Friday in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to protest corrupt aid distribution, and the government suspended two officials for mishandling relief and pledged to investigate 10 oth-

ers on similar charges.

Despite millions of dollars in aid pouring into Sri Lanka since the Dec. 26 tsunami, 70 percent of survivors haven't received any thing because of bureaucratic bungling and incompetence, Sri Lanka's relief operations chief acknowledged this week.

#### Military

Halliburton payment: The Army said Thursday it will not withhold any of the payments due Halliburton in a contract providing services to U.S. troops in Iraq and elsewhere.

The Army flip-flopped several times last year on whether it would withhold 15 percent of the payments, which could have cost Vice President Dick Cheney's former company \$60 million a month.

an Carlson, spokesman for the Army Field Support Command in Rock Island, Ill., said the money never was withheld because the Army granted the company waivers pending the decision made Thursday.

Mass. bases: Massachusetts lawmakers on Thursday swiftly approved a bond authorization bill designed to help save Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford and the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick.

Gov. Mitt Romney filed the bill Tuesday to allow the state to invest \$261 million to expand both facilities. The bonds are intended to create new jobs and persuade the Pentagon to spare the two facilities in the upcoming base closure process.

#### **Business**

HealthSouth trial: Jurors at Richard Scrushy's fraud trial in Birmingham, Ala., watched video of the former HealthSouth CEO describing management's "incredible control" of the rehabilitation chain during a 1998 meeting

In a DVD recording played Thursday, a fast-talking Scrushy also told of his own close watch over the company's finances and expenses

Prosecutors say HealthSouth's books were awash that year in more than \$600 million worth of fraud ordered by Scrushy. From The Associated Press



# Pacific bases offer free tax-filing help

BY DAVID ALLEN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa -It's that nail-biting, pencil-chew-ing time again: time to square accounts with Uncle Sam for anoth-

But tax season doesn't have to be a hair-pulling chore. Military bases throughout the Pacific Guam, Okinawa, Japan and South Korea - host tax centers meant to ease the task of filing federal taxes for servicemembers, their families, retirees and some civilian workers.

And the great thing about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance centers is that the service is free.

In 2004, 11,000 returns were filed at the Camp Foster VITA center alone, which provided customers more than \$1 million worth of services, said Marine Capt. Curtis Allen, officer in charge of the center

"We had about 50 volunteers from the different units here go through training provided by Internal Revenue Service representatives," Allen said recently, while preparing to open his office in the camp's legal services building Tuesday.

The IRS trained the volunteers in all "the basics of tax laws," he said, "including practical exercises and training on how to use the online Tax Wise forms we use filing returns electronically.

Most military units also have someone designated to help their members file simple tax returns.

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Military bases in the Pacific host Volunteer Income Tax Assistance centers where servicemembers can receive free tax help. The offices are staffed with volunteers who have been trained by the IRS in tax issues specific to troops and their families.

### Tax topics with troops in mind

Members of Congress probably didn't really twist themselves into pretzels devising ways to give tax breaks to active-duty servicemembers. It just looks that way, thumbing through the Internal Revenue Service's Armed Forces' Tax Guide.

But to enjoy a few of those perks, you have to know the right way to ask.

A good way to begin learning, base officials said, is to visit base tax preparation offices. These offices are staffed by volunteers the IRS has trained specifically to help troops and their families get all the tax breaks they legally can claim.

Those who'd like to know more - or to make sure they're taking advantage of any tax breaks that might apply to them — may wish to consult the 34-page IRS tax guide. Available free online at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf, it's the mother lode of specific information on how federal tax law applies to those in uniform and their families.

Topics range from what moving expenses can be deducted to when an award for a bright idea may be tax-free. But the IRS Armed Forces' Tax Guide and tax advisers indicate a few provisions may be of special interest to servicemembers:

Combat zone exclusion:

Active-duty pay earned in a combat zone is not taxable. In addition to presidentially declared combat zones, the IRS considers a combat zone to be any place in which you get special military pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger. The guide lists several other conditions in which pay is considered combat pay. And it states you won't even have to claim this tax break: Combat pay isn't reported to the IRS as income.

Designed to decrease or eliminate the tax bills of low-income families and individuals who have taxable income that was earned - as opposed, say, to income from investments or welfare payments.

To claim the credit, individuals or couples must have more than one qualifying child and have earned less than \$34,458 in 2004 (\$35,458 if married and filing jointly); have one qualifying child and have earned less than \$30,338 (\$31,338 if married and filing jointly); or have no children and have earned less than \$11,490 (\$12,490 if married and fil-

You can take a simple test to see if you qualify for EIC by visiting http://apps.irs.gov/app/eitc/SetLanguage.do?lang=en.

The EIC can leave some individuals not only wing no income tax but also on the receiving end of a federal payment. But in past years, some servicemembers found they didn't qualify because all their pay was earned in a combat zone - and therefore wasn't reported to the IRS as taxable income.

New this year: Now, even though combat pay still won't count as income when figuring your tax bill, you may choose to have the IRS consider all or part of your combat pay as earned income just so you can qualify for the EIC.

Elaine Reeves, tax coordinator at Torii Station on Okinawa, says the new rule eliminates situations in which servicemembers otherwise eligible for the EIC became ineligible because they received nontaxable combat pay.

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### Where to go ...

bases throughout the Pacific. Contact your unit tax adviser for more information or call the tax center closest to you. Here's where they are:

#### **OKINAWA**

Camp Foster: Legal Service Support Section, Building 437, open 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 645-4TAX (645-4829) for appointments and more information.

Kadena Air Base: Building 1460, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 634-7784 or 634-9889 to make appointments and for more information.

Torii Station: Tax Assistance Center, Building 236, open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., except Wednesdays when the office closes at 2 p.m. Open Saturdays by appointment only. Call 644-5358 for more information.

Misawa Air Base: Building 514, across from the Misawa Red Cross building. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday walk-ins only for the easy tax forms. Appointment required on the other days. Call DSN 226-3948 for more information or to make an

Yokota Air Base: Tower 3002, open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Community members filing 1040EZs will be helped on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those filing other forms must make an appointment starting Feb. 14. Call DSN 225-4926 for more information. Also, the Yokota Tax Center is seeking volunteers to help prepare returns.

Atsugi Naval Air Facility: Building 291 (the old CDC building), open starting Feb. 7; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, by appointment only. Call 264-4015 or 264-4016 for more information.

Yokosuka Naval Base: Building 39A, beginning Feb. 8, No hours or information available. Call 243-6905 to leave a message. Sasebo Naval Base: Navy Legal Services Office, Building 47, open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more infor-

mation call 252-3347 Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station: Staff Judge Advocate office, Building 608, open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays through June 15 and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays during the month of February. Call 253-4398 or 253-5591

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Andersen Air Force Base: Building 2100, open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Call 366-4829 for more information.

Naval Base Guam: Building 1A, open 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Call 333-2061 for more information.

#### FREE ONLINE TAX FILING

Several places online also offer free tax help. At the Internal Revenue Service Web site — www.irs.gov/app/freeFile/jsp/ all\_offers.jsp — taxpayers can download 18 free electronic tax forms from companies participating in the service's Free File pro-

Free File is an online tax preparation and electronic filing service formed three years ago through a partnership agreement between the IRS and the tax software industry, in response to a mandate from Congress for the IRS to collect 80 percent of tax returns electronically by 2007.

Many of the companies list no restrictions and offer the free service to everyone; others limit the free service to taxpavers from certain states; others, by age or income. The IRS assures taxpayers using the electronic filing services that they are under no obligation to purchase any products or services from the participating companie

The IRS has an interactive Web site - www.irs.gov/app/ freeFile/jsp/wizard.jsp - to help taxpayers choose which free service to use.

- Stars and Stripes

# 'I come away with a great sense of pride'

### Outgoing USFJ head sees U.S.-Japan alliance as key to global security

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Strines

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan Maintaining the robust dynamic of the U.S.-Japan alliance is vital to stability within the Asia-Pacific region, but it also will be instrumental in containing the global terror-ist threat. Air Force Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow said at a press confer-

mas waskow sand at a pool-ence Friday.

Calling that relationship "as strong as ever," the outgoing head of U.S. Forces Japan and the 5th Air Force, who will turn over those leadership posts Thursday to Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright during a change-of-command ceremony in Yokota's Hangar 15, touched on a range of issues, including potential realignment, the American military's shifting focus and the expanding role of Japan's Self-Defense Forces over the past 15

Waskow, a 1970 graduate of the Air Force Academy, announced re-tirement plans last fall but remained in place as Wright's nomination made its way through the Senate. He spent 14 of the past 16 years overseas, completing three tours in Japan. "There have been significant changes during the peri-od I've been here," he said Friday. "They literally reflect centuries of change, not decades. It's the smallest military I've been in over the course of my career, but our accomplishments are significant. I come away with a great sense of pride

"We're a small force, but an efficient one. Our young sailors, air-men, Marines and soldiers have responded very well to the changes. They've flexed to the realities of the world we live in today. The kids have stepped up to the plate

.. hit a home run After serving as vice commander of Kadena Air Base's 18th Tactical Fighter Wing from 1989-90, Waskow moved on to Yokota, working as the 5th Air Force's deputy chief of staff for operations until June 1992. In November 2001, he became Japan's senior U.S. mili-

tary representative.
"When I was here before, the focus was primarily on the Cold War. That was the major threat,"



he said. "We were geared toward providing a good, stable alliance in the face of the Soviet Union and Chinese presence.

"Today, the situation is much dif-ferent. Rather than a threat that's nationally based, the one we face today is instability ... from a global terrorist network, along with small geographic disturbances ould blow up. While collective defense is anoth-

er lingering issue, he said, the healthy ties between the United States and Japan will be critical in fortifving security on the global

Since the early 1990s, Japan's Self-Defense Forces have become far more proficient, even as their numbers have dwindled, Waskow said. He said improvements in intelligence-sharing and cooperation are the driving forces of success

within the U.S.-Japan alliance. "In the future, the foundation of stability in this region will be the U.S.-Japan relationship," he said.
"China is developing financially. Korean reunification is still up for debate, and there has been a rise of global terrorism in the region. But the number one constant in the Asia-Pacific region is the stable nature of the relationship between our two great countries."
Still, he said, changes are likely

as the Department of Defense continues with its global posture re-

United States and Japan have taken part in a series of discus-sions, floating different ideas about the potential reorganization and re-

alignment of U.S. forces here. Waskow declined to identify specific proposals, but he indicated the U.S. military wants to "reduce the noise burden on local communi ties" and address a "perceived burden" of the American presence on Okinawa

"There are perceptions about the presence of the U.S. military that are unfair," he said. "I think we're very similar with our goals. We may have different ways of approaching it.

"Those points will be discussed by our two governments. ... We must be patient and allow them to come up with a decision that'll hest suit the interests of both of our na-

Waskow, a command pilot with ore than 4,700 flying hours, including 904 in combat, praised the work of USFJ and 5th Air Force personnel during his tenure.

### Misawa petty officer chosen as CNFJ sailor of year ly tough," Pearson said arter learning of her selection at a cere

mony Friday at Atsugi Naval Air

Facility. "There were a lot of out-standing sailors who deserved it."

Pearson said after

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

Petty Officer 1st Class Amy Pearson, a legal officer from Misawa Naval Air Facility, Japan, was selected top sailor of the year Friday for Commander, Naval Forces Japan, officials said.

Pearson beat the eight other leading sailors from the major commands in the CNFJ area of responsibility, which includes Japan, Okinawa and Diego Gar-The selection indicates Pear-

Mis awa's sailor of the year for the second year in a row, exhibits the highest degree professional-

ism and competence among sailors at her

"The competition was extreme-

Pearson, a former Naval reserv-

ist, is the legal officer for the Navy legal department at Misa-wa. "I feel that I am privileged with the outstanding leadership at NAF Misawa, and this award is not just for me but for all the sailors there," she said.

Pearson next competes in Hawaii against other sailors of the

year from Navy shore commands for the title of Navy Installations Sailor of the Year.

In his letter recommending her, NAF Misawa's commander, Capt. Wayne Radloff, wrote of Pearson: "She represents the future of the Navy and carries this

responsibility superbly At Friday's ceremony, keynote speaker Rear Adm. Frederic R Ruehe closed his remarks to the audience with a quote from Adm. Vern Clarke, chief of Naval Oper-

ations, who recently told a crowd

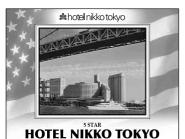
you to be extraordinary role models - extraordinary role models who lead others, teaching them that we live in a period where we have the privilege to be role models, and that is, in fact, an incredible time to serve." Ruehe then said to the CNFJ top sailor candidates: "I pass that same challenge to you."

of newly selected chief petty offic-

ers: "You have already proven to

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# **Inspection will reveal damaged sub's future**

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Strines

The Navy is giving Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS San Francisco time to lick its wounds and attempt to fully heal in a floating dry dock after it struck ground last month south of

Guam. "Despite the accident, none of the nuclear proponents or operational systems suffered any damage," Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, Pacific Submarine Force spokesman,

said Friday After video released by the Official: Too soon to say if San Francisco can return to sea

dock showed the damage done to its front, officials began to speculate that the San Francisco may have hit an uncharted undersea mountain.

Twenty-three sailors suffered injuries in the accident, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Allen Ashley, a machinist's mate from

Akron, Ohio, was killed. Cmdr. Kevin Mooney, who commanded the USS San Francisco, reassigned to Submarine Squadron 15 on Guam pending

Cmdr. Andrew Hale, deputy commander of Submarine Squadron 15 has assumed command of the San Francisco.

"Amazingly, it made it to post on its own power, even though it was sort of lilting to one side because of damages to ballast tanks," Davis said.

He said repairs are being done by employees of Guam Shipyard, the company which owns the dry dock - known by some here as Big Blue - that once belonged to

"When you look at the submarine, of course you immediately see that most of the damage took place in the bow area," Davis ex-

plained.

"Nonetheless, we have not had enough time yet to fully survey the needs of the sub, much less to distribute information about repair goals," he added.

Davis also said it is not known yet "if the San Francisco can be used once again."

Among the more obvious parts

ment. Davis said, are the sonar dome, sonar sphere and ballast

Once a team from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Hawaii, com-pletes inspections of the banged-up submarine, he said, the cost of the repairs and a ver-dict on whether the submarine can return to service can be pro-

vided "If the San Francisco's damages are such that it could not meet standards to return to sea, we can't just go build another one, Davis said. Los Angeles-class submarines no longer are built.

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# Call to land Black Hawk 'textbook perfect'

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Strines

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — About six minutes after the main warning light flickered on in the control panel of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter Tuesday, pilot Chief Warrant Officer 2 W. Christ Purser slowly guided the aircraft onto the 50-yard line of a Japanese college football field.

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It was a precautionary landing, not an emergency per se, but a necessary stop to allow pilot and crew to make sure everything on

the aircraft was OK.

Purser, from the 78th Aviation
Battalion, made the landing
around noon at Seijo University
in Isehara City, roughly 10 miles
from Camp Zama.

As he was landing, a second chopper carrying a specially trained maintenance pilot set off to meet the aircraft and ensure its ability to fly. In a little more than two hours, both helicopters were home.

home.

Purser was crossing over a ridgeline on the way back to Camp Zama from Camp Fuji when the master warning light appeared, telling him to look for trouble among the 75-odd other warning indicators. he recalled.

"Your first thought is, 'what's wrong, and what to do about it,' "Purser said.

The light, along with the manual he quickly consulted, indicated he should land as soon as possible. He began a descent, slowed the aircraft and looked for the safest place to land.

Colleges, with empty, flat and protected athletic fields, are often a good bet.

"You know there's not going to be wires there and you know it's a controlled environment," he said. Purser passed over the goal-

Purser passed over the goalpost and circled the empty football field to gauge the best wind direction for landing, then made his way down.

"I would not have gone down if there were people on the field," Purser said. "The only little bit of damage was dust."

### Analysts investigating origin of tiny piece of metal that triggered helo's warning light

At the same time, co-pilot Warrant Officer Brian McDonough and crew chief Spc. Adam Nash checked for clearance and potential dangers and rechecked the manual to make sure they did everything according to the book. They called in the GPS coordinates to the battalion, shut down and secured the area around the aircraft

Purser told the university's principal, who arrived moments later, what happened and that everyone was OK. The principal closed off the area to onlookers. The police came soon after.

"This call was textbook perfect," said Capt. Peter J. Presley, Company A maintenance commander. "It went off like it does in the simulator."

To prepare for just such in-

stances, pilots practice similar landings and other emergencies twice a year in a flight simulator.

The warning light Tuesday was activated by a chip detector, a magnetized part that monitors aircraft fluids and triggers a reaction when a piece of metal any bigger than a grain of rice touches it.

Any metal casing or gear parts that flake off from normal wear and tear can trigger the response. And if metal parts are shredding somewhere or if an aircraft in combat is hit by something, early warning from the detector is vital. But occasionally the device short-circuits and falsely detects a chip.

But Tuesday's alarm was the real thing, Presley said. The chip that triggered the warning light was metal, but analysts still are working to determine its origin, he said.

The chip detector that stopped Tuesday's flight was in the right side accessory module, the part that runs off the transmission and powers accessories. Had the module broken down, the aircraft still would have been able to make it back to Camp Zama Preslev said.

The landing was the battalion's second precautionary landing in the past several years — as long as those in the unit now can re-

In May 2003, battalion executive officer Maj. Robert McArdle landed after he felt an odd reaction from his flight controls, similar to the way the steering wheel of a car reacts when there's a flat, he said.

He also was over a college near

Camp Zama and lowered into a

The battalion flies about 1,000 hours a year, mostly around Tokyo

The incident Tuesday may have been hair-raising to those involved, but aircraft have several redundant systems for a backup

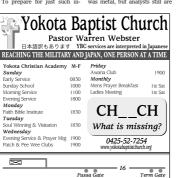
if something does go wrong.

The pilot adage is it's better to be on the ground with a mechanical problem, wishing you were in the air, than in the air with one wishing you were on the ground.

"It's much safer to make a controlled landing," McArdle said.
After the aircraft was safely on the ground, the engines were off and the area secure, Purser had a

moment to think about things. He immediately worried about possibly creating an international incident, he recalled. He also thought of his wife worrying if she was watching news reports and the ribbing he would get from his fellow pilots.

"It's always easy [to fly] until something happens," Purser said. E-mail Juliana Gittler at:



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# Islamic group upset over Mattis remarks

### Council seeks punishment for Marine general's 'fun to shoot some people' statement

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — A prominent U.S. Islamic group has called for "appropriate disciplinary action" for the Marine general who said, "It's fun to shoot some people.

"We do not need generals who treat the grim business of war as a sporting event," Nihad Awad, director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said in a statement, "These disturbing remarks are indicative of an apparent indifference to the value of human life.'

Washington-based CAIR's stated mission is "to enhance understanding of Islam. encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual



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ment Com mand Quantico. Va., offered no public apologies for his comments in the

wake of a media dust-up. Marine Corps officials at the Pentagon said Friday they've received about a dozen calls and e-mails complaining about Mattis' comments as well, but said there were no plans for disciplin-

ary measures. "As far as we're concerned, the

ing." Gen

"We see this so-called counseling as less than a slap on the wrist," said Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for CAIR. should at least be some kind of formal reprimand. If the Pentagon wants to be seen as taking this seriously, they have to take serious

"I think the great military leaders throughout history [have] always viewed killing as necessary evil, not as source of pleasure Hooper continued. "And in this case he's talking about killing Muslims. I don't think this helps America's image in the Muslim

Mattis was speaking to an electronics association gathering in

San Diego on Wednesday. "Actually, it's a lot of fun to fight," he said. "You know, it's a Mattis can be heard on video cap tured at the event. "You go into Afghanistan, you got guys who slap women around for five years because they didn't wear a veil. You know, guys like that ain't got no manhood left anyway. So it's a hell of a lot of fun to shoot them

In a statement Thursday, Marine Corps Commandant Gen Mich- ael Hagee said he had "counseled" Mattis, saying he wished the general had picked his words more carefully, while Joint Chiefs vice chairman and fellow Marine Gen. Peter Pace offered no rebuke on Mattis' comments.

"I will tell you that the last three times that that general has been in combat, when he was leading Marines in Afghanistan, and the two times that he led his division in Iraq, his actions, and those understands the value of proper leadership and the value of human life," Pace told reporters Thursday at the Pentagon.

Twice Pace said Mattis was free to explain himself.

Hagee defended Mattis in a statement released Thursday. "While I understand that some

people may take issue with the comments made by him, I also know he intended to reflect the unfortunate and harsh realities of war. Lt. Gen. Mattis often speaks with a great deal of candor. wrote Hagee in his statement.

Hagee added that Mattis is one of Corps' "most courageous and experienced warriors. I remain confident that he will continue to serve this nation with dedication and distinction.'

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# Bush to seek \$419.3 billion for defense budget

BY LIZ SIDOTI The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush will ask Congress for \$419.3 billion for the Pentagon for next year, 4.8 percent more than this year's spending as the administration seeks to beef up and reshape the Army and Marine Corps for fighting terrorism

The request will not include money for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congress already has appropriated \$25 billion for those this year, and the White House is planning to request another \$80 hillion soon

The president plans to roll out his military spending proposal Monday as part of a roughly \$2.5 trillion overall federal budget.

But documents obtained by The Associated Press show that he will request \$19.2 billion more for the Department of Defense than

its \$400.1 billion budget this year. The proposal will include restructuring and expanding the Army and adding more combat and support units for the Marine Corns

Under Bush's plan, defense pending would grow gradually, hitting \$502.3 billion by 2011.

The proposal, according to one of the documents, supports the war on terrorism by "strengthen ing U.S. defense capabilities and keeping U.S. forces combat ready. It continues to implement lessons learned from ongoing operations in the war."

Those include: "The need for flexible and adaptable joint military, strong special operations forces, highly responsive logistics and the best possible intelligence and

More than half the total defense increase - \$10.8 billion - would be for training, maintenance and other costs associated with keeping the military ready for action. Most of the rest would go for military salaries and construction of

bases and housing The proposal calls for increas ing military base salaries by 3.1 percent and civilian salaries by

2.3 percent. It also calls for giving troops more money for housing giving reservists health care coverage and additional education benefits.

Bush plans to propose \$1.6 billion to fight chemical and biological threats next year and \$9.9 billion over the next five years. And, he would allocate \$9.5 billion for homeland security activities next

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year and \$147.8 billion for training, maintenance and other readiness" programs.

Despite the overall military increase, the Pentagon's account for purchasing new weapons would actually incur a \$100 million cut next year to \$78 billion. The proposal underscores how huge federal deficits are affecting even the Defense Department. long one of Bush's top priorities.





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# U.S. to pull 15,000 troops out of Iraq

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BY BRADLEY GRAHAM

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Buoyed by successful Iraqi elections, Pentagon authorities have decided to start reducing the level of U.S forces in Iraq next month by about 15,000 troops, down to about 135,000, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Thurs-

In early December, Pentagon officials announced which units would be held over in Iraq

They included about 4,400 soldiers from the Army's 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, based in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii - which was supposed to return home in the beginning of January — and about 3,500 soldiers from the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, which was supposed to return home in November

About 2,300 Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit off of the Essex Expeditionary Strike Group will also be held over, including Marines from Okinawa, Hawaii and California, who were due to return home in January and will now come out March 15, defense officials said.

A smaller unit of about 160 soldiers from the 66th Transport Company, based in Kaiserslautern, Germany, was also extended from January to mid-March.

In addition, about 1,500 paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Brigade were sent to Iraq from their home base at Fort Bragg. .. for a four-month stint.

Just when U.S. forces can begin to withdraw from Iraq has generated intense politday's elections. President Bush and other administration officials have said the pace of withdrawal will depend upon how quickly Iraqi forces can be trained and equipped

to maintain security there. As a sign this effort continues to lag,

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reported at Thursday's hearing that less than one-third of the troops and police that the Pentagon says have been trained and equipped are adequately pre-pared to handle most

Democratic senators pressed Thursday for the administration to outline a clear exit strategy. While Republicans on the committee appeared more willing to accept the administration's

wait-and-see proach, several joined with Democrats in seeking more definite information about the number of Iraqi security forces currently ready and clearer estimates of the size of the insurgency. Both Wolfowitz and Myers

appeared to struggle for answers The Pentagon officials displayed a chart showing a total of 136,065 Iraqi forces "trained and equipped" or "operational" as of Monday, including 56,284 army troops and 57,290 police. Myers also reported a surge in recruits over the past two days of

2,500 a day. But under questioning, Myers said only about 40,000 troops were deployable, meaning they "can go anywhere and do any-thing." He said he had

more confidence about the Iraqi army figures than the police ones. Wolfowitz, in turn, acknowledged high absentee rates in many units, reaching about 40 percent in the Iraqi army

Both officials cautioned against focusing on numbers, saying capability is more important. But both conceded that the Pentagon still lacked clear ways of assessing such critical Iraqi capabilities as leadership and motiva-

"We're going to have to move to a way where we can start track-ing the capability," Myers said. "This is not

The general also fumbled for estimates on the size of the insurgency under questioning first by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the committee's ranking minority mem-

Myers said that coming up "with accurate estimates is just very, very difficult in this type of insurgency," in which common criminals are mixed with foreign fighters, Islamic extremists and former members of Saddam Hussein's government.

This drew a sharp rebuke from two senior committee Republicans - Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the chairman, and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. — who said the pub-

lic was due some estimate.
"I am disappointed that you don't have even a rough estimate of the number of insurgents," McCain said. "I don't know how you defeat an insurgency unless you have some handle on the number of people that you are facing."

#### Army to grow

Wolfowitz also disclosed that a decision had been made to make room in the Pentagon budget for a permanent increase in Army forces starting in fiscal 2007. Up to now, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld had backed only a temporary, three-year rise of 30,000 troops in the size of the Army, to 512,000, to facilitate a restructuring of brigades. Plans have called for this increase to be paid for in supplemental appropriations through 2006.

A number of lawmakers and defense specialists have argued that a permanent increase in troop level is needed to relieve the continuing stress on active and reserve units likely to result from the long-term demands of the war in Iraq, worldwide counterterrorism operations and other potential threats.

Stripes reporter Lisa Burgess contributed to this

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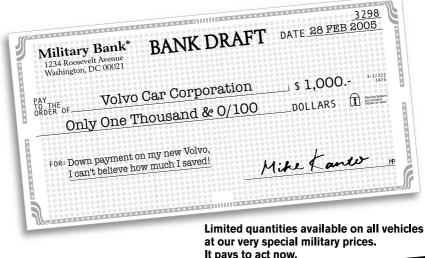


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### IN THE WORLD

# North threatens 'sea of fire' if war breaks out

### S. Korea's new plan calls for U.S. to send 690,000 GIs if needed

BY SANG-HUN CHOE The Associated Press

SEOUL - The United States will dispatch 690,000 troops and 2,000 warplanes if war breaks out on the Korean peninsula, according to South Korea's new defense policy paper released Friday.

Hours after it was released, North Korean media quoted a communist officer as saying that Pyongyang's forces will turn U.S. military bases in the region into a "sea of fire" if war breaks out on the Korean peninsula.

The comments come as the isolated North is urging its military to prepare for what it calls a U.S. plan to invade. Washington and its allies say they are trying to end the North's nuclear weapons programs through multinational disarmament talks.

South Korea's new defense white paper mirrors its efforts to redefine its half-century-old confrontation with the communist North as well as adjust its alliance with the United

The white paper, which has been updated for the first time in four years, removes 10-year-old references to North Korea being the South's "main enemy," though it still calls the North a "direct military threat."

The removal of the "main enemy" term is largely symbolic but reflects South Korea's efforts at fostering reconciliation with North

The commitment of U.S. troops in the event of war appears aimed at easing concerns that Washington's plan to expand the role of U.S troops in South Korea from guarding against the North into rapid regional redeployments could create a security vacuum in the world's last remaining Cold War flash point.

"The reinforcement plan reflects a strong U.S. commitment to defending South Korea, the South Korean white paper said.

North Korea, which accuses the United States and South Korea of preparing to invade over its nuclear weapons programs, has added more artillery pieces and missiles to its Korean People's Army, already the world's fifth largest, it said.

About 300 of the North's 1,000 long-range artillery and multiple-launch rockets were deployed along the border near Seoul

Those missiles, capable of raining down shells and rockets on the South Korean capital only 31 miles from the border, is the most formidable defense concern for South Korea



U.S. troops of the 728th Military Police Battalion salute to U.S. national flag during Task Force Warfighters' welcome home ceremony at Camp Henry, South Korea, on Friday. The United States will dispatch 690,000 troops and 2,000 warplanes if war breaks out on the Korean peninsula, said South Korea in a defense white paper released Friday.

The number of North Korean troops remained unchanged at 1.17 million, but the North has reorganized its military to add eight new divisions, most of them units with missiles capable of hitting South Korea and Japan officials said

North Korea, although impoverished and dependent on outside aid to feed its 22 million people, poses a formidable security threat.

North Korea's Central Radio quoted the communist officer as saying that the North Korean military will "thoroughly incinerate the aggressor elements that collude with the U.S. imperialists," in an apparent reference to South Korea and Japan, both of which host U.S. military bases.

"If the U.S. imperialists ignite flames of war, we will first of all strike all bases of U.S. imperialist aggressors and turn them into a sea of fire," Hur Ryong was quoted as saying, according to the South Korean news agency

Hur made his comment on Wednesday during a debate in Pyongyang on leader Kim Jong Il's "army-first" policy that stresses military strength.

Already armed with large stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons, the North is resisting U.S. pressure to give up its nuclear weapons programs. Three rounds of six-nation talks aimed at ending the programs pro-duced no breakthroughs. The United States, the Koreas, China, Japan and Russia are struggling to schedule a new round of talks.

Seoul and Washington forged their alliance during the 1950-53 Korean War when American troops led U.N. forces to defend South Korea from communist invaders. The war ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, leaving the peninsula still technically at war

### Koizumi and Bush agree on N. Korea

TOKYO - Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and President Bush agreed Thursday that North Korea must be made to realize that the world is "serious" about it abandoning its nuclear weapons programs.

The two leaders spoke late Thursday by telephone after Bush's State of the Union address in which the U.S. leader appeared to soften his tone tord the communist regime.

During their conversation, Rush and Koizumi agreed that it was important "to communicate that the world was serious about the North Korean problem" to Pyongyang through six-nation nuclear talks, according to a statement from the Foreign Ministry.

In his address, Bush only briefly mentioned North Korea, saving Washington was "working closely with governments in Asia to convince North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions.

Bush's tone, however, was in stark contrast to his speech three years ago, when he branded North Korea part of an "axis of evil" with Iran and Iraq. The address raised hopes for a positive response from North Korea.

Other members of the six-nation nuclear talks, which also include South Korea, China and Russia, have indicated a softer approach could bring North Korea back to negotiations to end its nuclear weapons program.

Koizumi told Bush that he wanted Tokyo and Washington to continue cooperating closely on the North Korean issue, the statement said.

### Afghan jet carrying at least 3 Americans still missing war-ravaged country's deadliest

KABUL, Afghanistan - NATO forces on Friday suspended for the night their ground and air search for an Afghan passenger jet carrying 104 people, including about three Americans and 16 other foreigners, after it disapneared from radar screens during a snowstorm near the mountain-ringed capital.

As temperatures plunged overnight, relatives and officials ex-pressed growing fear that any of the missing can be found alive after what could turn out to be the

aviation disaster.

The Kam Air Boeing 737-200 took off Thursday from the western city of Herat bound for Kabul, but was unable to land because of poor visibility.

The airline initially said the plane was diverted to neighboring Pakistan, but officials there said it never reached their airsnace Afghanistan's NATO peacekeep-

ing force sent helicopters and ground teams to scour an area southeast of the city, where officials said the plane was last located on Thursday afternoon, but

NATO and Afghan officials de-

nied reports that the wreckage had been located, and said they would widen their search when it resumed early Saturday

French Lt. Col. Patrick Poulain, a spokesman at the NATO headquarters in Kabul, said the plane remained lost and that helicopters had failed to pick up any signal from the plane's on-board rescue beacon.

"We did not find the wreck-age," Poulain said. "With the snow storm of last night, it would freezing mountains, he said.

Afghan state television said President Hamid Karzai was also very worried and concerned" about the fate of the plane.

Kabul is surrounded by towering, frigid peaks, a hazard that usually sees commercial aircraft grounded during bad weather.

Veterans of the battle-scarred airport tell tales of hair-raising approaches and close calls, and the area toward the Pakistani border is so remote that officials suspect militants including Osama bin Laden have hidden there since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

The clouds lifted for several hours on Friday afternoon, presenting a chance to find and reach any survivors if the plane had crashed

Hundreds of Afghan troops were sent to Khaki Jabar, a district with few roads and steep ridges rising to more than 13,000 feet. An Associated Press photographer saw two helicopters flying over the area and a column of German armored vehicles moving through knee-deep snow along a

### Court alters S. Korean family name stipulation

BY SANG-HUN CHOE The Associated Press

SEOUL - South Korea's centuries-old practice of allowing children to adopt only their fathers' family name was ruled unconstitutional Thurs-day in a landmark victory for

women's rights movement. The country's hoju, or family headship, system - rooted in Confucianism and engraved in the country's civil code since 1960 - has allowed only men to become heads of fami-

Few people had challenged the civil code in this predominantly male-oriented society. But since 2000, dozens of women backed by feminist and civic groups have filed lawsuits asking the Constitutional Court to rule against the prac-

They said the current system was unfair and demeaning women, creating deep-rooted perception that women are inferior and subordinate to men. But Confucianists, who are respected by older Koreans, consider any challenge to the system as an affront to tradition and a dangerous Western influence.

On Thursday, the Constitu tional Court ruled the civic code violated the constitutional guarantee of gender equali-

"The hoju system, based on fixed concepts on gender roles, unjustifiably differentiates men from women and is inflicting much inconvenience and pain on many families, the court said in its verdict.

The ruling is expected to spur parliamentary discus-sions on a government bill that would amend the civil code

"Today a new horizon opened for gender equality in South Korea," said a joint state-ment from 113 women's and civic groups

But Sungkvunkwan, headquarters of Korean Confucianism, said in a statement that it was "astounded by this anti-history, anti-national decision." It said it feared the verdict would erode a father's authority in the family.

Korea's family system is based on what Confucianists call "the universe's most basic rule" - man is the seed and woman is only the field that helps the seed grow into a

It defines family members as descendants along the male line. A Korean woman cannot take her husband's family name because they don't share the bloodline, and a divorced woman cannot register her children under her own or her new husband's name, even if she is raising the youngsters.

The code's hoju system decrees that even a baby boy becomes the family head if his fa-

# Rice: Iran attack 'not on the agenda'

### Secretary of State begins first leg of visit across Europe

BY ANNE GEARAN

LONDON - Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said a U.S. attack on Iran "is simply not on the agenda at this point," despite the United States' continued criticism of Iran's suspected nuclear weapons ambitions and human rights

The Associated Press

Speaking in London, the first stop on a weeklong tour of European capitals, Rice would not say whether the United States supports a change of government in Iran. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage has said regime change is not the U.S. goal.

Rice said there is broad international agreement that Iran cannot be allowed to use a civilian nuclear power project to conceal a weapons program - a charge which Tehran denies.

After a meeting with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, Rice was asked directly during a news conference whether the

United States might attack Iran. "The question is simply not on the agenda at this point," she re-

sponded. "We believe particularly in re-

### **Secretary Rice's first trip**

Condoleezza Rice meets with prime ministers and foreign ministers of Europe and the Middle East on her first trip as secretary of state.



gard to the nuclear issue that while no one ever asks the American president to take all his op tions, any of his options off the table, that there are plenty of diplomatic means at our disposal to get the Iranians to finally live up to their international obligations, she said.

Asked during the plane trip

here Thursday whether the Unit ed States should get more directly involved in the talks the Europe ans are having with Iran, she said, "The Iranians know what they need to do. It's not the absence of anybody's involvement that is keeping the Iranians from knowing what they need to do.

Earlier, Rice met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the United States' closest ally in Iraq, holding her first meeting with a foreign leader since taking over from Colin Powell as America's top diplomat.

Their 90-minute breakfast meeting at Blair's Downing Street office covered Iraq the Middle East and other subjects.

On her way to London on Thursday, Rice indicated the United States may take a back seat for now in the international effort to bring Israel and the Palestinians closer to a lasting peace.

Rice said she does not plan to attend next week's Middle East summit meeting in Egypt.

"Not every effort has to be an American effort," she said.

She said the United States welcomes Egypt's help in hosting the summit and called it one of several hopeful signs for peace.

She will visit eight European capitals and the Vatican, with a weekend side trip to see the Israeli and Palestinian leaders

### Spokesman: Pope's health continues to improve

BY ANGELA DOLAND

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II's health is continuing to improve and he has begun eating, the Vatican said Friday, but it would not commit to the pope's weekly address on Sunday from the hospital treating him for the flu and respiratory troubles.

"The state of health of the Holy Father has improved," papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters, reading from a brief Vatican medical bulletin. He said tests confirmed that the 84-year-old pope's latest health crisis had stabilized, and that there was a "favorable evolution" of the breathing troubles he suffered earlier in the week

It was unclear when the pope began taking food. Navarro-Valls, who refused to elaborate on virtually any point of the health bulletin, said only: "Certainly today, maybe yesterday evening, but certainly today.

Underscoring the sense that the frail nontiff was not in immediate danger, Navarro-Valls said the Holy See would not issue another medical update until Monday

But he would not confirm that John Paul would go ahead with his weekly address via an audio hookup from his papal suite at Rome's Gemelli Polytechnic hospital in place of his usual perch in a window high above St. Peter's Square.

"It's very important to him and something he does not want to miss," Navarro-Valls

A member of the papal entourage at the hospital acknowledged Friday that the pope's difficulty speaking is one of the problems in deciding how to handle Sunday's address, a papal tradition that John Paul rarely has skipped.

Associated Press writer Daniela Petroff in Rome contributed to this report.

### Vatican City shrouded in history, mystery

By Frances D'EMILIO The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The "catholic" in Roman Catholic Church means "universal," but access to Vatican City, the tiny independent city-state, is tightly controlled and hard to penetrate.

The heavy net of security cast over Pope John Paul II's hospitalization this week is typical of the secrecy in which much of Vatican life is steeped.

Thousands of outsiders pour into the Vati can each day, with their wanderings largely limited to the museums, the Sistine Chapel St. Peter's Basilica, the post office and St. Pe-

ter's Square. Nearly all the rest of Vatican City's 108.7

acres is strictly off-limits.

Vatican City is practically a world of its own, with a supermarket, plumbers, phone book, medical services, firefighters, gas pumps, courts, money mint, license plates, heer pad and even a train station. There are shops with wares ranging from designer shirts to watches.

Nearly all these services are exclusively for the city-state's 492 residents, employees or those with some Vatican connection, such as Catholic school teachers in Rome.

One exception: Outsiders can win permis-sion from stern-faced Swiss Guards in their scarlet-plumed helmets to go to the Vatican pharmacy if they show a prescription for med-icine not available in Italian stores.

The city-state was born of the 1929 Lateran treaty with Italy, but its ancient walls and iron gates were silent witnesses to intrigue centuries earlier, revealed in pages of papal history rife with stories of betrayals and even



Pope John Paul II

The secretive ways have also fed modern mysteries that fans of "The Da Vinci Code" author Dan Brown might devour.

John Paul I's death in 1978 after only 33 days as pope fueled conspiracy theories that he did not die naturally in his bed, as the Vatican said, but was eliminated. Some wondered if the pope had information about an Italian banking scandal, in which the Vatican bank was later found to be involved.

In the late '80s, the Vatican refused to turn over one of its citizens, American Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus, who was head of the Vatican Bank, for investigation in that scandal.

In 1983, a Vatican resident, 15-year-old Emanuela Orlandi, daughter of a messenger, disappeared on a Rome street and was never found. There were theories she was abducted in a presumed plot to pressure Italy into re-leasing from prison Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk who shot John Paul in 1981 in St. Peter's

### IN THE STATES

# **Bush takes Social Security plan on the road**

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. - In a campaign-style road trip, President Bush is pressuring re-calcitrant Democrats and wary Republicans to allow personal government pension accounts for young workers, saying Friday that the venerable retirement system needs major change to avoid going "flat bust."

"You can see the mathematical problem. right? Greater promises to more people who are living longer with fewer payers," he

said at the Owest Center-Omaha.

After his appearance here, Bush was holding similar sales pitches on his plans for the Social Security federal pension program in Arkansas and Florida, following stops Thursday in North Dakota and Montana.

As Bush threw around complicated terms like "compounding rates of interest" and wielded detailed charts, his message to Con-gress was that the Social Security system should be radically altered. He said his goal is to see the government retirement pro-

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gram more resemble the changing times, in which many Americans save for their own futures in private retirement accounts rather than depend on their employers or the governmen

Bush has asked Congress to approve legislation that would put Social Security on permanent stable financial footing — which he says will be "flat bust" by 2042, when it will be able to cover only about 73 percent of benefits owed - and at the same time give younger workers the option of diverting up to two-thirds of their Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts they could invest in stocks and bonds.

The Social Security retirement benefit they've been promised under the existing plan, however, would be cut, although by how much is not clear.

"Basically what we're talking about here is helping evolve the Social Security system, modernize the system, to reflect the current way people save," Bush said.

## Gonzales faces tough issues at Justice Department

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Reporting for his first day as U.S. attorney general, Alberto Gonzales told Justice Department employees their priority would remain combatting terrorism, "but we will do so in a way that's consistent with our values

Gonzales was opposed by many Democrats because of his work on administration polices they faulted in the abuse of prisoners in Iraq. Speaking to employees Friday, he alluded to the controversy but emphasized his own heritage as the grandson of Mexi-



dream. "It's historically the case that it falls upon the shoulders of the attorney general to ensure that that dream is available," said Gonzales, who is

the nation's first Hispanic attor-

grants and upstories

His plate is already overflowing with serious tasks: lobbying Congress for reauthorization of the USA Patriot Act, the Justice Department's premiere, and widely criticized, anti-terrorism law: investigating who among his former White House colleagues leaked a CIA employee's name to the media: and coming through on his promise to the Senate to prosecute anyone who tortured

or abused foreign detainees He reminded Justice employees that Bush has said their ton job is protecting the United States

from future acts of terrorism. "But we will do so in a way

that's consistent with our values, consistent with our legal obliga-tions," said Gonzales, speaking in an ornate atrium near his new of-

Despite nearly unanimous praise for Gonzales' intelligence, his life story and his extensive work with Senate Democrats on judicial nominations and other administration issues, he was confirmed on a 60-36 vote with all of the "no" votes coming from Democrats and a Democratic-leaning

private ceremony at the White

independent. He was quickly sworn in as the 80th U.S. attorney general by Vice President Dick Cheney in a House. Bush, during his trip Thursday to North Dakota and Montana, called Gonzales to congratulate him after the vote

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said, "I like and respect Judge Said, I like and respect studge Gonzales as a person and as an in-spiration," but "I am unsure Judge Gonzales is the right man for this crucial job."

Many said they couldn't look past his participation in administration policies they said had led to abuse of prisoners that occurred in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They also complained he refused to answer their questions on how those policies were created inside the White House.



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# **Mother: Speech hug was 'between two moms'**



Safia Taleb al-Suhail, leader of the Iragi Women's Political Council. back to camera, hugs Janet Norwood of Pflugerville, Texas.

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON - When Janet Norwood of Pflugerville, Texas wrote President Bush about her son's death in Iraq, she had no idea she would become part of an emotional, tearful, globally televised hug — with an Iraqi woman who had recently cast her first

"It was just an exchange be-tween two moms," Norwood said

Safia Taleb al-Suhail, whose father was assassinated by Saddam Hussein's secret service nearly a ecade ago, hugged Norwo after President Bush paid tribute to Marine Sgt. Byron Norwood 25. killed by a sniper in the 2004

battle for Fallujah. "I told her our son would be so "All I remember her saying is just, 'Thank you, thank you,' " she added. "There was just so much emotion at that point."

There was also some laughter amid the tears — the dog tags Janet Norwood carried got caught with one of al-Suhail's buttons, making it difficult to disentangle

"All I could think of was, 'You've got to hurry up and sit down so everyone else can sit down,' Norwood said with a chuckle.

The hug is likely to be the most remembered part of the evening, though Norwood and husband William said the focus should be on their son and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

"As long as the honor is for Byron and all the Marines he served with, we're fine," William Norwood said. "It's more about them than us.'

Janet Norwood wrote Bush in December, a letter the president quoted in his speech: "When Byron was home the last time, I said that I wanted to protect him like I had since he was born. He just hugged me and said, 'You've done your job, Mom. Now it is my

turn to protect you.' The Norwoods said they received a call from a White House staff member asking if they would attend the State of the Union. They traveled to Washing ton this week at their expense.

"We had absolutely no idea who was going to be in that box," Norwood said. She said she had watched news of the Iraqi elec-tions and "was amazed people would go out in such great numbers under threat of death."

"If I could have gone through that TV screen and hugged those people on Sunday, I would have done that," Norwood said, adding

proxy for those feelings.

After the speech, she spoke with Bush backstage. She gave him a set of prayer beads her son

had received in Iraq. "It was extremely touching," Norwood said. "I cried on his

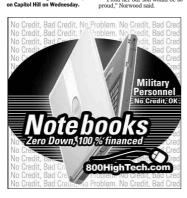
shoulder. It was quite amazing."

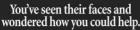
Both Norwood and her husband normally wear sets of Byron's dog tags around their necks. For the State of the Union, Norwood carried her tags in her hand because "they did not go with my pearls."

The last day or so, which included an appearance on ABC's "Good Morning America," has been somewhat chaotic, but manageable, the Norwoods said.

Norwood wanted to correct one news report — she did not give her dog tags to al-Suhail

"I will never part with those dog tags," she said. "Byron was wearing them when he died."







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# Actor Ossie Davis found dead in Fla. hotel

BY HILLEL ITALIE The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Ossie Davis, the actor distinguished for roles dealing with racial injustice on stage, screen and in real life, has died, an aide said Friday. He was 87 Davis, the husband of actress Ruby Dee, was found dead Friday in his hotel room in Miami Beach, Fla., according to officials there He was making a film called "Retirement," said Armin-

da Thomas, who works in his office in New Rochelle, N.Y. Davis, who wrote, acted, directed and produced for the theater and Hollywood, was a central fig-



This Life Together

Miami police said Davis' grandson called the police shortly before 7 a.m. when his grandfather

decades. He

and Dee cele

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ding anniver-sary in 1998

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ure among black per-formers of would not open the door to his room at the Shore Club Hotel. of Davis was found dead, and there the last five

does not appear to be any foul play. Hernandez said. Davis and Dee first appeared to-gether in the plays "Jeb," in 1946, and "Anna Lucasta," in 1946-47. Davis' first film, "No Way Out" in

1950, was Dee's fifth. In 2004, Davis and Dee were among the artists selected to re-

ceive the Kennedy Center Honors When not on stage or on camera, Davis and Dee were deeply involved in civil rights issues and efforts to promote the cause of blacks in the entertainment industry. They nearly ran afoul of the anti-communist witch-hunts of the early 1950s, but were never openly accused of any wrongdoing.

Davis, the oldest of five children of a self-taught railroad builder and herb doctor, was born in Cogdell, Ga., in 1917 and grew up in nearby Waycross and Valdosta. He entered Howard University in Washington in 1935, where he studied drama intending to be a playwright.

His career as an actor began in 1939 with the Rose McClendon Players in Harlem, then the center of black culture in America.

He also had what he described in the book as a "flirtation with the Young Communist League,'

which he said essentially ended with the onset of World War II. Davis spent nearly four years in service, mainly as a surgical technician in an Army hospital in Liberia, serving both wounded troops and local inhabitants.

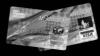
While Hollywood and, to a lesser extent, the New York theater world became engulfed in McCar-thyism and red-baiting controversies, Davis and Dee emerged from the anti-communist fervor unscathed and, in Davis' view, justifiably so.

"We've never been, to our knowledge, guilty of anything - other than being black - that might upset anybody," he wrote.

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### Movie villain John Vernon dead at 72

The Washington Post

John Vernon, a stage-trained actor who played a series of slimy villains and authority figures never so well as in "National Lampoon's Animal House," in which he



treacherous figures in doz and television shows. With sinister good looks and a surprising vulner-

ability, he was cast in such gritty fare as "Point Blank" (1967) and "Dirty Harry" (1971). As Dean Vernon Wormer in "An-imal House" (1978), he was the an-

tithesis of a good time. He ignores his alcoholic wife and disdains the fun-loving students. With delight, he tells them. "I'm sure you'll be happy to know that I've notified all your draft boards and told them you are all, all eligible for military service. Vernon's pitch-perfect perfor-mance in "Animal House" led to a

second career as a comic straight second career as a comic straight man. He reprised Wormer for the short-lived ABC television spinoff "Delta House" (1979) and ap-peared in several spoofs.

He was born Adolphus Raymondus Vernon Agopsowicz on Feb. 24, 1932, in Zehner, Saskatchewan. In high school, he was chosen to read part of a Charles Dickens novel and so impressed his teacher that he was asked to become part of the theater group.



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# 'Hallmark is never going to top that'

### Husband who scrawled 'farewell' message in blood thanks firefighters who saved him

BY GREG RISLING

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The seriously injured passenger who used his own blood to scrawl a love message in the wreckage of a derailed train said he thought he was writing last words to his family.

"I don't know why I did it. I didn't think they would see it," John Phipps said Thursday. Phipps, 44, spent a week in the hospital with

would see it, John Phipps said Thursday.
Phipps, 44, spent a week in the hospital with
internal bleeding and head and groin injuries
after he was pinned under the wreckage during the Jan. 26 disaster in neighboring Glen-

Phipps, who walked on crutches, revealed his identity Thursday at a news conference where he was flanked by about a dozen firefighters who took part in the train rescue. He thanked them and called them heroes.

Eleven people died and 200 were hurt when a Metrolink commuter train struck a sport utility vehicle parked on the tracks in an aborted suicide attempt, officials said. The train derailed and struck another Metrolink train.

Phipps' message — scrawled in his own blood on an upended train seat — read "I [heart symbol] my kids. I [heart symbol] Le-

Leslie Phipps said she doesn't remember

how she first learned about her husband's message, but a nurse gave the family a photo that appeared in the paper

that appeared in the paper.

"Hallmark is never going to top that," she said. "It's moving, it's thoughtful and it's chill-

ing all at the same time."

John Phipps said he normally wouldn't have taken the train that derailed, but had been called to work early at an aerospace

been called to work early at an aerospace plant in Burbank.

He sat upstairs in the double-decker car and went to sleen. The part thing he remem-

and went to sleep. The next thing he remembers, Phipps said, was waking up, feeling mist falling on his face, and seeing smashed bits of the train.

He touched the back of his head and his

He touched the back of his head and his hands came away covered in blood. He called for help but got no immediate answer. Trapped under debris, he sang "Why Me Lord?" as he waited for rescuers.

Phipps said at one point he reached out, felt a chair and saw his bloody handprint. Believing he was dying, he found himself leaving a message.

message.
"It wasn't a conscious thought," he told CBS "The Early Show" on Friday. "I've al-ways told my kids and my wife that I loved them and it just — it happened. I mean, I didn't say, I have to leave a last word or a last testament. I just wrote it.



John Phipps, left, and his wife, Leslie, smile during a news conference Thursday in Hollywood, Calif. When John was trapped during the Jan. 26 Metrolink train crash, he scrawled a farewell message to his family in blood, believins he would never see them again.

#### Church scam trial

ROME, Ga. — The Rev. Abraham Kennard shared his dream of a string of Christian resorts with a few of his fellow black ministers. They told a few more. And the few more told a few more

Soon, congregations nationwide — many with only a few dozen members — were holding fish fries, sponsoring cake walks and throwing carnivals to raise the \$3,000 they needed to invest in Kennard's compa-

For their small investment, the faithful were assured, they would eventually get their money back more than 100 times over. But prosecutors

say they were duped.

Kennard, 46, was charged with bilking nearly \$9 million from 1,600 churches in 41 states in just over a year. His month-long trial on 132 counts

— from money laundering to tax evasion to mail fraud ended Thursday and his fate now lies with a jury, which was scheduled to begin deliberations Friday.

#### Greenspan on deficit

LONDON — U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Friday that a variety of factors from a weaker dollar to tougher budget discipline in Congress may finally start to restrain the explosive growth in the American trade deficit

Greenspan, however, cautioned that the global economy is essentially in uncharted waters given the unprecedented level of economic interaction between countries and thus any forecast of where the trade deficit is headed could prove to be wrong.

#### Surgery planned

DALLAS—One of the Egyptian twins whose heads were delicately separated more than a year ago will undergo reconstructive surgery on Monday to help complete his skull, and his brother will have the same surgery in March, doctors said Thursday. Ahmed and Mohamed Ibra-

Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim, born joined at the tops of their heads, were separated at a Dallas hospital in October 2003 in a risky 34-hour proce-

The boys, now 3½, are walking and talking after months of rehabilitation, but they still wear helmets to protect their brains

#### FBI system criticized

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers criticized FBI Director Robert Mueller on Thursday for continued problems with a costly computer project that was supposed to dramatically improve management of terrorism and other cases.

Mueller acknowledged he does not yet know how much the FBI's Virtual Case File will cost beyond the \$170 million already budgeted and largely spent, or when FBI agents and analysts will have it on their computers.

From The Associated Press

### Jury mulls fate of priest in sex abuse case

The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A jury resumed deliberating the fate of defrocked priest Paul Shanley on Friday, weighing conflicting views on the repressed memories his accuser said came to him decades after the sexual abuse allegedly took place.

The jurors received the case Thursday afternoon and deliberated for 30 minutes before the judge sent them home for the day. They returned to Middlesex Superior Court, near Boston, on Friday. The accuser said his memories of the abuse were repressed for 20 years and then resurfaced when the Boston church abuse scandal broke in 2002.

But Shanley's lawyer, Frank Mondano, said in his closing argument Thursday that they were false memories that were planted by a friend, who also had accused Shanley of abuse, and then were exploited by attorneys who filed a lawsuit.

"The core facts in this case are just not true," Mondano said. The man, now a

27-year-old firefighter in a Boston suburb, testified that Shanley began raping him while he was in the second grade, taking him out of religious education classes for discipline and raping him in the confessional.

Mondano said the man contacted personal injury lawyers soon after he recovered his memories in February 2002. The attorneys filed a suit on his behalf three months later. The man received \$500,000 last May.

But prosecutor Lynn Rooney said the man had no reason to lie.

"Is this all a lie — for what?" Rooney said.



University of Colorado Police officer Greg Barthlome arrests senior Dustin Craun after students disrupted a Board of Regents meeting in Aurora, Colo., on Thursday. "This is McCarthyism at its best," Craun shouted after he was not allowed to speak in support of a professor who compared victims of the World Trade Center attack to Nazis.

# University may dismiss controversial educator

The Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. — University of Colorado administrators have taken the first steps toward a possible dismissal of a professor who likened World Trade Center victims to a notorious Nazi.

CU-Boulder Interim Chancellor Phil Diskefano said Thursday he would launch a 30-day review of Ward Churchill's speeches and writings to determine whether the American Indian Movement activist and tenured professor overstepped his boundaries of academie freedom, and whether that

should be grounds for dismissal.

At the same time, the Board of Regents met Thursday and apologized to "all Americans" for Churchill's comments and voted

to support the university's review. Afterward CU Regent Peter Steinhauer said the national attention on the university, a year after it battled allegations regarding its football recruiting program, would

hurt the school.

"This will affect us financially,

not only in students coming here, but in donations. It's not going to help," he said.

Dozens of students and observers attended the meeting, sometimes drowning out the regents while shouting out comments and applauding each other. Two people were arrested.

The regents, who have received thousands of e-mails, letters and calls this week regarding Churchill, opened the meeting saying they would not take public comment, prompting an outcry from some students who showed up to support the professor.

The furor erupted last month after Churchill was invited to speak at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. Campus officials discovered that an essay and follow-up book by Churchill characterized the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as a response to a long history of U.S. abuses abroad, particularly against indigenous peoples.

Among other things, he said those killed in the trade center were "little Eichmanns."

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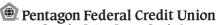
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The home of the Rev. John Rankin in Ripley, Ohio, was a stop on the Underground Railroad. High atop a hill overlooking the Ohio River, a candle in the window of the house meant that the coast was clear for runaway slaves seeking to escape from the South. The house is one of dozens of preserved Underground Railroad historic sites in 21 states.

# For runaway slaves, a 'beacon of hope'

### Preserved sites recreate flight for freedom made by thousands of slaves escaping the South

BY TERRY KINNEY

The Associated Press

RIPLEY Ohio - A candle in the window of the preacher's house high on a hill overlooking the Ohio River meant the coast was clear, that runaway slaves could find temporary refuge on their flight from

For many - an estimated 3,000 - it was the first stop on the route to freedom that became known as the Underground Railroad, a series of safe houses where abolitionists, Quakers, free blacks and others

hid fleeing slaves from bounty hunters This was the home of the Rev. John Rankin, a Presbyterian minister who is re-

puted to have told Harriet Beecher Stowe the story of a runaway slave and her child who crossed the frozen Ohio River, a tale that Stowe recounted later in "Uncle Tom's Cabin

Rankin House was typical of hundreds of secret meeting places, churches and homes of well-known abolitionists that were used as safe houses in nearly two dozen states. As one of the few still in existence and open to the public, it is a good starting point to recreate the Underground Railroad experi-

"I tell you what was stunning Underground Railroad chilling — was seeing the sites in three states. Rankin House up on that hill

because I knew that history, and not much has changed as far as what it looks like,' said Joan Southgate, who walked 519 miles across Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York three years ago visiting Underground Railmad sites

519 miles visiting

History Month

"That brought back to me what it must have been like to people on the Kentucky side to look at that beacon of hope," she

More than 500 routes are believed to go through Ohio alone, but from the early 1800s until the Civil War, runaways fled to freedom all along the line separating North from South. Some of those routes have been documented but were not general knowledge at the time

"As with any illegal activity, you didn't run around telling everybody what you were doing," said Betty Campbell, spokes-woman for Rankin House, "And you probably didn't take the same route all the time.

Although "underground" was a euphemism for secretive travel, some hiding places were, indeed, under ground caves, root cellars and the like. Southgate's walk took her to a cellar hide-out at a log house in southwest Ohio's Warren County and to a cave in Ashtabula — across Lake Erie from Canada - where even her 4-foot-9 body felt cramped.

Of the estimated 4 million slaves in the pre-Civil War South, about 100,000 are believed to have escaped along the Underground Railroad, north to Canada and south to Mexico and the Caribbean

The Park Service lists 60 Underground Railroad historic sites in 21 states. Ohio, with 11. has more than any other Some, such as the Rankin House, offer guided tours. Visits to others are self-directed such as the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Cincinnati The city is also home to the \$110 million National Underground Railroad Freedom Cen-

About 125,000 people have visited the center since it opened in August and, because Joan Southgate walked it is a "must see" and an over-all repository of information about the Underground Railroad, crowds are expected dur ing February, which is Black

> Five states — New York, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia have sites associated with firebrand abolitionist John Brown, who led skirmishes in Kansas and later a raid on a federal armory at Harper's Ferry, W.Va., in hopes of securing guns for a slave rebellion.

> Visitors can see Brown's farmhouse and grave site in Lake Placid, N.Y., where he lived from 1849 to 1855; the cabin in Osawatomie, Kan., where he spent the next two years with his sons, also abolitionists; and houses in Samples Manor, Md., and Chambersburg, Pa., where he divided his time while he planned the 1859 raid on the arsenal

> Last year, about 260,000 people visited the Harper's Ferry National Historical Park about 65 miles northwest of Washing

ton, spokeswoman Marsha Wassel said. The 3.000-acre site bridges Virginia, Mary land and West Virginia, including Civil War battlefields and the fort where Brown made his last stand before being captured

and hanged. Activities there are self-directed includ-

ing walks along hiking trails that overlook the battlefields. One museum on the site chronicles the story of Brown and the abolitionist movement, focusing on the raid and Brown's trial and execution. Brown's family Bible is among the artifacts.
In Auburn, N.Y., visitors can see the Har-

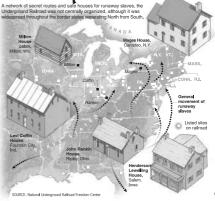
riet Tubman Home for the Aged, a simple frame home where the former slave who became a scout, nurse and spy during the Civil War - helped more than 300 runaway slaves finish their flight.

In Washington, there's the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, including the home where the anti-slavery activist lived and worked the last 18 years of his life. Among the artifacts on display are Douglass' hymn book and several walking canes, including one made from remnants of one of John Brown's homes.

Visiting any of the sites can be a moving experience. Southgate, who was 73 when she made her trek, walked about six miles a day, mostly alone and on back roads, and often found herself thinking about the hardships and fears of the runaways.

"Every once in a while, just putting one foot in front of the other ... I could think about how frightening that must have been," she said.

# Historic path to freedom



# **Black leaders tire of February spotlight**

### Many now consider Black History Month to be patronizing, seek attention all year

The Associated Press

The only black county commissioner in Dallas, John Wiley Price spoke Monday to 100 mostly black middle school students about history, responsibility and their futures. If he had been invited the following day — Feb. 1— he would have refused.

That's not because of a scheduling conflict. Price no longer makes public appearances during Black History Month. Like some other top speakers, Price has grown weary of being in high demand for just a few weeks and then often irenored.

eeks and then often ignored.

dated with speaking requests. Then he realized that "black people were visible during February, but the other 11 months of the year we became the invisible people."

He isn't a lone rebel: Twenty-nine years after Black History Month was officially designated by the federal government, something of a backlash has begun.

Though February is still an exhilarating time for many high-profile black Americans, whose research and life experiences are celebrated, others see it as overwhelming even debilitating

Black History Month has roots in histori-

Week, which he designated in 1926 as the second week in February to mark the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Woodson, who also began the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, said he hoped the week could one day be eliminated — when black history would become fundamental to Amer-

Now his idea has been expanded to include all of February, a month when there are seemingly nonstop television programs, art exhibits, films, historical tours, new books and public lectures.

Even the list of events with no historical

For instance, the Baltimore County public schools will participate in National African American Parent Involvement Day on Feb. 14. That day, the University of Akron in Ohio has planned a public dialogue titled "Brothers Talking to Brothers: Let's Talk—

Relationships with Black Women."

"An industry has grown up around [Black History Month] which is really quite fascinating," said Nell Irvin Painter, a Princeton historian.

Still, despite their misgivings about Black History Month, Painter and others think it should continue. The reason: They believe black history would become even more mar-



# **Praying for a big win**

### Does God care about the Super Bowl?

win this time.

Alden A. Gaines

Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA - When Bishop Alden A. Gaines withdrew to his prayer closet two weekends ago, his spiri-tual wings began flapping hard.

For his beloved Philadelphia Eagles. "O, God, let them win this time," Gaines prayed. "So many people will be disappointed if they don't win this time."

A man of the cloth thinks it's OK to pray for victory in a mere football game, even if it is the Super Bowl? "Of course it's OK. You can pray for anything you love and you care about," said Gaines, who leads Consolation Baptist Church in South Philadelphia. "In sports, there's always a winner, and I believe God has a hand in deciding everything, even that."

Before Birds fans begin bombarding

heaven's gate with pleas for a W, they should know that not all clergy would cheer. "I steer away from the victory theme," said the Rev. J. David Hoke, the Eagles'

team chaplain, who runs a chapel service for players and coaches every game day.

"It's great to pray for God's blessing and favor, but I don't think God is rooting for a particular team," said Hoke, a Southern Baptist who pastors New Horizons Community Church in Voorhees, N.J.

"He's interested in the players and their welfare and their lives, not in who wins the Super Bowl."

Scoreboard prayers, however tempting, are a bit out of bounds, others agreed.

"We should reserve our prayers for serious things," said Rabbi Lisa Malik, head of Suburban Jewish Community

Center-B'nai Aaron, a Conservative synagogue in Havertown, Pa. A victory prayer does not appear to violate Jewish law, she said, but it risks "bothering God" and "trivializing a blessing."

Prayers in Philadelphia for an Eagles win aren't "going to coerce God, because probably there's someone up in New England praying for the Patriots — and what, do they cancel each other out?" said Camden Catholic Bishop Joseph Galante. Partisan pleas demean God by making him

"a marionette master pulling strings."

Galante, a major Eagles fan, sported a Galante, a major Eagles ran, sported a Donovan McNabb jersey at a diocesan pep rally before the Falcons game. He led a prayer that beseeched the Virgin Mary, who is "victorious" in heaven, to protect the Ea-gles "on the field and off, and help them to use their talents, both physical and intellectual, to the best of their ability, so that they may experience victory, too.

Consolation Baptist His pep prayer was based on the belief Church in South that any gridiron triumph would result from human effort, not divine intervention, Galan-Philadelphia te said in an interview

"If you use your God-given talents to the best of your ability, your chances of winning are greatly increased. God gives us abilities and doesn't ordinarily intervene in human affairs like a sporting contest."

The Rev. C. Matthew Hudson, pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church in North Philadelphia, said God's mission is about love and "doesn't have anything to do with competition.

"Some things don't reach the throne of God, but bring comfort to our own people," he said. "If you pray for victory, those are just words you're saying ... that don't even reach heaven because they have nothing to do with helping



A pair of Super Bowl XXXIX tickets displayed last week in Jacksonville, Fla. Sunday's game features the Philadelphia Eagles against the New England Patriots. Some fans are praying on the game's outcome.

Nelson Dorny, a Mormon bishop, leads youth groups at the Delayease, County, Pao, church that Eagles cooch Andy Reid and his family attend. Dorny advises his charges that if S (K" to pray that you or your team may play to its ability and not have injuries." Father, 14ct me be the winner, "Dorny said, Just as parents don't want to show favortism, "I find God is an impartial and fair father who wants best for all of us."

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### Distance won't excuse infidelity

I have been in country for almost a year and my heart goes out to many wives and husbands who remain at home while their spouses are here, not knowing that the vow they took before God, family and friends is worth no more than a candy

wrapper thrown on the ground. Questions: Does distance justify infideli-y? Could there have been issues unreolved at home prior to being deployed? If so, would that be enough to justify treading on the hearts of those whom you say you love? How can you say you love your wife, husband or fiancée when you allow yourself to become sexually involved with someone else? Why marry, or even get engaged, when you have such difficulty stay-ing true to your mate, especially during se times of separation? Have you both tried relationship or marital counseling? Or have either one of you sought help from spiritual adviser, your supreme being? If you have, and nothing seems to work, then do what's right and fair for both

I once read that we as adults "should live so that when your children think of fairness, caring and integrity, they think of you." Therefore, choose your life's mate you." Therefore, choose your life's mate carefully; from this one decision will come 90 percent of all your happiness or misery. Sgt. Yolanda Jones Camp Taji, Iraa

#### Stop the benefit shuffle

I would like to comment on the Wall Street Journal article that appeared in the Jan. 29 Pacific Stars and Stripes under the headline "Vets' benefits put squeeze on DOD spending."

Thirty years ago, my husband retired from the U.S. Army. At that time, military retiree and survivor benefits weren't an issue. In fact, during our active-duty time in the military we didn't hear too much complaining about anything. During our 30 years associated with the military, my husband was normally on duty during Sat urday, Sunday and a lot of holidays (such as Thanksgiving). In other words, there wasn't much time to complain because the military was about mission and taking care of those serving and those who served. Back then, I never heard anyone talking about a three-day weekend or being off for a training holiday.

# bu G.B. Trudeau











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Today I find that those complaining about military retiree benefits are people I consider self-servers, or those looking for self-recognition. Let's face a fact: There's plenty of ways to save money and still support those who served. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld himself stated that the government had layers and layers of civilian employees shuffling the same paperwork. Maybe we need to stop the shuffling and get down to business.

Linda M Moore Senul

#### Demand for better suppliers

[The 656th Transportation Company's former company commander, Maj. Cathy Kaus], was simply doing her duty by confiscating machinery that was left behind by U.S. troops to finish her mission and protect the men and women in her command ("6 GIs court-martialed for taking vehicles in Kuwait," article, Dec. 15). This was done on a daily basis in World War II. Why the change in attitude now? We were still at war and anything my tax dollar pays for is to be used by the U.S. military. not anyone else!

What is sad is the thought that our mili-

tary is supplied by the person who has the lowest bid. It must be a real relief for these people to know they are going into war with the cheapest-made gun possible. My sons deserve more than that.

Also, if the United States can supply money and help worldwide, then it should also be able to provide the military men and women who need it the protective vests they have been promised. The average U.S. couple who watch their children go into the military and off to war deserve at least that much.

This country was made great by the labor of ordinary men and women doing extraordinary things — whether it was through an invention or simply doing overtime at an ammunitions plant or serving in the military. We can't all be politicians. Nothing would ever get done then.

William Rillo Kettering, Ohio

#### CIB should not be for all

I disagree with the letter "All in combat deserve badge" (Feb. 1), and its claim that every soldier who is confronted with comhat deserves the Combat Infantryman Badge. You can't be a part-time 11B/C; it has to be a full-time job. If if were part time, then CIBs would be passed out like candy.

Yes, this is a different war. But what happens when you return to the job you held prior to your deployment? As a soldier we pick and choose our military occupational specialty; in some cases we are given it based on scores from the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test. I think it would be unfair to the soldier who serves day in and day out as an infantryman and, most importantly, completes the 13 to 15 weeks of training and has proved himself to be the best that he can be. The CIB is kind of like the Ranger tab, but geared for the infantry. Anyone who studies history and sees where the badge comes from will understand its meaning.

With all that said. I'm proud of the young men and woman who put themselves in harm's way daily. Out of all the wars we have fought this is a very unique one but to have men and woman of this caliber step up to the plate just makes my heart proud.

Master Sgt. Donald Morris Hohenfels, Germany







### OPINION

# What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

#### Good vote mutually beneficial The Frederick (Md.) News-Post

It was not a perfect election. As expected, there were areas where voter turnout was light. And there were instances of insurgent violence. Thirty-some deaths were part of the day, but thirty-some deaths are part of many days in Irea.

many days in Iraq.
This vote was in reality an act of defiance, a notice to those who are trying to illegally seize power in Iraq that the rank and file of the nation are sick of terrorists, whether they be Saddam Hussein or Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

While the real significance of [last] Sunday's election has yet to be determined, it bodes well for both Iraq and the United States

For the United States, it may be the first real sign that an American presence in Iraq will not be required for may additional years, even decades, to come, as some have been predicting. With this crucial election now history, the United States best strategy may be to redouble the efforts and resources it is devoting to training Iraq's new army and civil authorities...

The sooner the United States exits Iraq the better — for both nations. The one thing that must be avoided is losing all of the hard-won gains ... that have been made since the invasion. That would be counterproductive and unacceptable.

#### Elections can't cure all ills The Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News

[Last] Sunday's elections in Iraq, which saw a turnout much higher than anyone expected, were an inspiring stride forward for the country.

The participation of millions of voters despite deadly threats from terrorists is a shining example of courage that may send shock waves through powerful Arab oligarchies.

With more elections planned before the end of the year to select new leaders under a new constitution, Irna seems well on its way toward self-govername. ", Yet for all the importance of the events Sunday, Irna is far from out of the woods. One of the major concerns is the Sunni minority's lack of participation in the election. ...

No Iraqi government can hope for legitimacy as long as foreign military forces continue to prop it up. For true democracy to flourish, America and its allies must leave. It'd be shameful if America decides to do that prematurely, and it'd be diasstrous if Iraq's leaders demand it before they are ready to accept the burden of government themselves. Yet the worst possible postelecterprets the big turnout as a mandate for American forces to remain in the country indefinitely.

#### Deficit strategy insufficient Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

With the White House estimating that the Iraq war costs more than \$1 billion a week, the federal deficit for this year is now expected to be about \$427 billion. ...

There are lots of reasons to be worried about deficits, some better than others, some concrete, some psychological. For one thing, this country's inability to control its budget deficit (or, for that matter, its trade deficit) is said to be weakening confidence in the dollar and, thereby, contributing to the dollar's decline relative to other currencies.

Meanwhile, the administration has enacted an expansion of Medicare. It is pushing for a change in Social Security that would have enormous expenses on the front end. It



wants to extend the temporary tax cuts it enacted in the president's first term. And it has no higher priority than Iraq.

If there's a deficit-reduction strategy, it seems to be to rely on luck, in the form of a good economy and the opportunity to withdraw some troops from Iraq. In the eyes of the world, it's a strategy that amounts to nothing—except talk.

#### Cast out acts that hurt fishing The Times-Picayune, New Orleans

A recreational fishing group is trying to enlist President Bush's help in protecting redfish in the Gulf of Mexico from the damage posed by liquefied natural gas terminals, and the president should listen to its con-

The Coastal Conservation Association, which represents 60,000 fishers in Louisiana and Texas, wants LNG terminals in the Gulf to use natural gas to warm and vaporize the fliquefied natural gas for transport. That method is more costly for companies that operate terminals but better for marine life.

The alternative, known as an open-loop system, uses millions of gallons of Gulf water daily to warm the liquefied gas, damaging billions of fish eggs and larvae in the process....

If two LNG terminals that have already been approved are joined by a third proposed by Shell US Gas & Power LLC, redfish landings in Louisiana could decrease by 25 percent, according to scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agencies.

Recreational fishers aren't the only ones who would be affected. Redfish is also an important species for commercial fishers, restaurants and cooks in Louisiana. Federal agencies need to look out for their interests when deciding what companies should be allowed to do in the Gulf of Mexico.

#### Ready for new shuttle flights? Florida Today, Melbourne

In the perilous realm of human spaceflight, you don't get second chances. One mistake, one bad decision and the result can be disaster,

It's the bottom-line point that needs to be remembered ... as NASA and the nation mark the second anniversary of the shuttle Columbia accident and the loss of its seven astronauts as they headed home to Kennedy Space Center.

The 24 months since then have been a head-spinning mix of trauma and hope for the agency: trauma in the accident and the

revelations of the errors and deep institutional flaws that caused it, and hope in its giving birth to NASA's new moon-Mars quest.

Yet with Discovery's liftoff just four months away, we remain deeply concerned that NASA is fixed on the May launch even though it still hasn't proven that all the required technical and program improvements have been put in place and are solid.

The main reason is the fragile state of the space station, and the need to resume critical shuttle resupply flights that have been grounded since Columbia went down.

#### Force drug companies' hand The Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal

Millions of Americans, especially seniors, are understandably fed up with the high cost of prescription drugs. Many aren't waiting for long-promised changes in the law—they are finding ways to place orders through Canadian pharmacies, sometimes with the help of local governments, to obtain less expensive medicines.

The Bush administration has opposed opening the nation's borders to prescription drugs, saying the safety of imports cannot be guaranteed. But that ignores the reality that so many Americans are going this route anyway, with no federal oversight.

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A bipartisan group of Senate and House members wants to change that. It has unveiled legislation that would allow Americans to legally import some prescription drugs from Canada and two dozen other industrialized countries....

Sensing Congress is inclined to do more, 10 major pharmaceutical companies recently announced they will lower the prices of certain drugs for low-income people who are uninsured....

The pharmaceutical companies can be pressed to do more — but Congress and Bush must stand up to them on behalf of Americans struggling to pay for their medi-

#### Opinions aren't a commodity The Times Herald-Record, Middletown, N.Y.

Yet another syndicated columnist has been discovered on the Bush administration payroll helping to promote one of its policies. If this keeps up, the president's going to have to create a Cabinet post just for a secre-

tary of propaganda....
The president says he has ordered his Cabinet to cease hiring supposedly independent

said, "Our agenda ought to be able to stand on its own two feet."

No question, but given this White House's propensity for spin control on all sorts of important issues, one can't help but be bemused at the administration's belated efforts at distancing itself from anything smacking of propaganda ...
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The problem here ought to be self-evident. It is wrong and probably unlawful for the government to use taxpayer dollars to try to gain support for its policies by hiring reporters or columnists to provide positive accounts of some government policy or to produce what appear to be independent news accounts for the same purpose....

For the White House, not knowing that the purchasing of opinions from commentators whose views are supposedly reached independently is a bigger problem.

#### SBC effort has familiar ring San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

For consumers, the future of telephone, Internet and even television service will be shaped in large part by two opposing forces: mergers, which typically reduce choice for consumers, and innovation, which expands

More than any other event so far, the planned buyout of AT&T by SBC Communications symbolizes the ascendancy of mergers as the principal force shaping the industry, and that may leave consumers in a bind. SBC, along with six other Baby Bells, was

SBC, along with six other Baby Bells, was created 21 years ago by the breakup of AT&T. Now, the offspring is swallowing its former parent. Besides being a dominant force in local

Besides being a dominant force in local and long-distance service, it is a powerful player in broadband Internet service, and a growing force in television, through partnerships with satellite-TV firms. Its 60 percent ownership of Cingular Wireless makes it a leader in the cell-phone business as well.

The other Bells, while smaller, also offer a similarly broad menu of services. Only the cable firms, which have recently made a push into telephone service, can provide comparable products.

There's nothing wrong with big, powerful companies — as long as they face sufficient competition. The risk that consumers face, however, is that a frenzy of mergers will quash competition before innovative firms gain a foothold in the marketplace. ...

It these trends continue, American consumers will end up with more technologies and services to choose from, but fewer choices of providers. That ... could leave consumers at the mercy of ever rising prices. PAGE 24 J %3MMRMMSMM · STARS AND S

#### Museum gets bones

ME PRESQUE ISLE — After years without the one must-have for a science museum, the Northern Maine Museum of Science is getting some dinosaurs.

The museum recently acquired two large dinosaur bones from the Museum of the Rockies in Montana, said Kevin McCartney, a geolo-

gy professor at the University of Maine in Presque Isle. The bones — a tibia from a hadrosaur "duck-billed" dinosaur and a partial triceratops skull — weigh in at about 200 pounds each.

#### Gov. saves some trees

NE HASTINGS — Mike Johanns is out as Nebraska's governor, but his stationery will stay.

Gov. Dave Heineman said he would have his name printed at the bottom of Johanns' stationery. To do otherwise would be wasteful, Heineman said.

"That's just one small way for me to send a message to every single agency. Let's watch our pennies and if we watch our pennies together, ultimately, we can save millions," he said.

Heineman said the state also would continue handing out state maps with photos of Johanns and his wife on them.

#### Students cry foul

FL FORT WALTON BEACH—
The children at Ocean City
Elementary say school stinks.
And they're right.

More than 70 have transferred from Ocean City Elementary because an aging and outmoded sewage treatment plant next door is emitting a foul odor.

"The smell affects us physically as well as the operation of one school," said Principal Debbie Boutwell. She said the school's budget is affected because out of 77 children who received zoning waivers not to attend the school, 70 cited the smell as the reason.

Okaloosa County officials said it would be another three years before the treatment plant could be closed.

### School removes plaque

PAI PHILADELPHIA — Villanova University, stung by criticism from students, alumni and others, removed a plaque honoring a history professor who — suffering from postpartum depression — killed her disabled infant daughter.

Mine Ener, 38, who committed suicide in a Minnesota jail less than a month after slitting her baby's throat in August 2003, tagut at the suburban Philadelphia university's Center for Arab and Islamic Studies. The university will instead organize a mental-health symposium to honor her memory.

#### Real estate on the rise

PHOENIX — The median price of a used home in the area climbed 22 percent during 2004, hitting a record \$190,000 in December, according to Arizona



State University's Arizona Real Estate Center. Despite the sagging affordability, new- and used-home sales broke records in 2004.

#### Climbing ban upheld

RENO — A federal judge in Reno has upheld a climbing ban at Cave Rock on Lake Tahoe's east shore.

The Jan. 28 ruling by U.S. District Judge Howard McKibben upholds a management plan adopted by the U.S. Forest Service in 2003 to prohibit rock climbing on the landmark that is held sacred by the Washoe Tribe.

McKibben rejected a lawsuit filed last year by The Access Fund, a Colorado-based advocacy group for climbers. Among other things, the suit argued the ban was unconstitutional because it promotes the closing of public lands for religious purposes.

#### Firefighters struggling

MA BOSTON — Most firefighters who died fighting blazes in recent years were working under substandard conditions, in part because of delays, or had entered buildings where there was no one to save, according to a Boston Globe analysis published Monday.

The newspaper examined feder



Shadow steps

Visitors to the Norm Dicks Government Center in Bremerton, Wash., walk up the 5th Street steps. al investigative reports on 52 fires around the country that killed 80 firefighters from 1997 to 2004.

It found that in just 27 of the fires, four firefight- ers were able to get to the scene within 6 minutes, the minimum force recommended by the National Fire Protection Association. The manpower standard for safe and effective work at a building fire was met in only 18 of the fires.

There was a suspicion that someone might be inside the burning buildings at 14 of the fires, but only in six cases was there actually anyone inside. the Globe said.

#### Hip claim goes to court

RADFORD — A doctor who operated on the wrong hip of an 87-year-old woman is not solely to blame for the patient's subsequent ailments, the surgeon's lawyer told jurors.

Walt Peake said Ivory Andrews had a number of conditions before her broken hip, including a broken back, that contribute to her debilitated state but weren't caused by Dr. Kenneth Gray's error.

Andrews is seeking unspecified damages for the errant surgery, which was performed Dec. 16, 2003, and required a 45-day hospital stay.

#### **DNA** clears two

III CHICAGO — More than a decade after two men were sentenced to life in prison for murder, prosecutors dismissed the charges Monday and set one of the men free, saying new DNA tests had failed to link them to the crime.

Dan Young Jr., 44, left the state prison in Pontiac on Monday. Harold Hill, 31, has three years left to serve for an unrelated armed robbery conviction, said Cook County State's Attorney spokesman John Gorman.

The charges were dropped after a series of new DNA tests failed to link either Hill or Young to the slaying of Kathy Morgan, 39, whose raped and strangled body was found in an abandoned building after a fire in October 1990, Gorman said.

### Kentucky hero defended

PIKEVILLE — First,
Daniel Boone's name was
stripped from an eastern Kentucky
parkway and replaced with that of
a congressman. Then, the state legislature refused to put the famed
frontiersman's name on an alternative highway.

It's no wonder his descendants are feeling slighted. "It's an insult to his family. It should be an insult to everyone who cares about the history of Kentucky," said Rochelle Cochran, president of the Boone Society, a national group of descendants.

She's launched a campaign to get Kentucky lawmakers to right what she sees as the wrong created in 2003 when former Gov. Paul Patton's administration changed the name of the Daniel Boone Parkway to the Hal Rogers Parkway in honor of a U.S. representative from Somerset.



Look, Ma, no hands! Rosco, top, clings to a tree branch with his teeth after leaping up there while romping on the Keene State College campus in Keene, N.H. His buddy Lennox can't resist barking at him.



Frozen journey in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Lee Sorenson of Farmington, N.Y., walks the ice near the shore of Canandaigua Lake

Flipping over recess ground in Longview, Wa.

Colby Williamson, 11, does a back flip off the back of Jose Ramirez, 11, as they and about 76 other kids played at the Lions Memorial Building play-



That's gotta hurt Tiffany Fuller, 17, of Bullard, Texas, reacts while holding a goat as it is vaccinated at the Caldwell Zoo in Tyler, Texas.



River of red

Lava from Kilauea volcano in Hawaii

Volcanoes National Park enters the

Pacific Ocean at dawn in Hawaii



Frostv's debut

Cassandra Martin, center, helps her brother Chayton, 2, left, and sister Kalli, 4, make a snowman in front of their home in Juneau, Alaska.

#### Race horses exhumed

WY VERSAILLES — Crews worked under a court order Wednesday to exhume the remains of Wild-Eyed and Wicked, a champion saddlebred whose mysterious death has led to suspicions of sabotage in Kentucky's horse country.

The chestnut gelding — who twice won the saddlebred Triple Crown — was among five horses at the Double D Ranch in 2003 that had nearly identical circular wounds on the back of their left legs.

Veterinarians believe someone injected them with some kind of substance.

#### Can you hear me now?

AUGUSTA — Gov. Baldacci is launching an effort to expand cell phone access to the entire state. The Public Advocate's Office will be asking cell phone users to report on the location of dead zones via e-mail or phone. Baldacci said coverage is spotty and he often loses calls while driving from Augusta to Portland.

#### Cops arrested in bust

cluding four veteran Chicago police officers, were arrested and charged with stealing occaine, money and guns from drug dealers. The arrests stem from a joint FBI and Chicago police department operation, launched in July after investigators noticed a Fraternal Order of Police sticker on a car near a drug sits.

#### Nude calendar knocked

CARMEL — A dozen women who posed in the buff to raise money for a fire station thought their efforts would be welcomed, with a chuckle, by this cash-strapped city.

But much to their surprise, the more than \$40,000 raised by the Carmel Fire Belles' fund-raising calendar has been sharply rejected by city officials who say the cash is too hot to handle.

Accepting it, they say, could offend sensibilities and expose the city to costly sexual-harassment lawsuits.

"I feel belittled and insulted by the people responsible for bringing down a good cause and good people," calendar girl Paula Weber, 85, told city officials at a public hearing. The most senior of the models, Weber is pictured hiding coyly behind a pair of firefighters' coveralls.

#### Funeral dispute

BROWNSVILLE — A 30-year-old man accused of strangling his wife and then driving her body to Matamoros so he could claim she was killed by random violence in northern Mexico has asked to attend her funeral.

The attorney for Norberto Manzanares, charged with murder and jailed under a SI million bond, filed a request for his client to attend services of Gloria Manzanares, 30, said Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos

Villalobos said the county sheriff could grant Manzanares permission; no decision had been made late Wednesday.

#### Bill for felons to vote

MDD ANNAPOLIS — Delegate Salima Marriott, a Baltimore Democrat, introduced legislation that would allow all convicted leased from prison. Current Maryland law calls for waiting periods before voting rights can be restored, and the length depends on the type of offense. Two previous efforts to change the law have failed.

#### Overcharging Medicaid

AL MONTGOMERY — The state filed a lawsuit accusing 79 drug companies of causing massive overcharges to the Alabama Medicaid Agency that siphoned away hundreds of millions of dolars from other health services for the needy.

The suit accuses the companies of intentionally misreporting average wholesale prices.

Attorney General Troy King said the practice artificially raised the cost Alabama Medicaid pays for drugs.

#### Same-sex unions ban

BOISE — For the second consecutive year, a proposal to ban same-sex marriages failed to pass the Idaho Senate. With 14 secretaristy with a gainst the bill, conservative supporters were unable medium of the proposal to voters. The amendment would have invalidated any type of marriage or civil union except those between a man and a woman.

#### Failure to salute

DETROIT — Twenty-six police recruits are getting an extra lesson at the training academy this week: Salute the chief.

When Chief Ella Bully-Cummings recently met with the recruits, they failed to salute her, as called for in department rules. She ordered an extra week of training.

"The chief came into a room and no one came to attention," police spokesman James Tate said. The rookie cops were also slow to salute the chief at their graduation last Thursday, he said.

#### Assault charge reduced

MURRAY — Charges were reduced against a teacher's aide who was videotaped holding a 13-year-old boy off the ground and against a wall at a Kentucky school for at-risk kids.

Court officials said the second-degree assault charge against Charles Parrott was reduced to a misdemeanor on Monday.

Defense attorney Rick Lamkin said the boy's medical records do not show serious physical injury. Parrott, 42, was caught on sur-

veillance video holding Dimitri Ross off the ground on Dec. 13, and the footage has been shown on national television.

Parrott has said he was restraining the student because he threatened other students in the classroom.

Stories and photos from wire services

### YOUR MONEY

# Taxes: Volunteers trained, ready to help

TAXES, FROM PAGE 3

"We encourage everyone to contact the tax representatives in their units first," Allen said. "Most of the returns are simple and can be filed at that level. If the returns are more complicated, the unit reps will recommend they come here to see us All tax forms the unit reps fill out come here anyway, and we review them all and electronically file them."

Allen said several issues tend to be confusing to Americans overseas

"One of the biggest is the fil-ing extension," he said. Al-though most tax returns in the States are due April 15, "everyone overseas" — military and ci-vilian — "has an automatic extension to June 15."

"But that's really only if you don't owe the government. If you owe money, that money is due April 15 or you'll wind up paying interest," he said.

Combat pay and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC) can be other confusing issues, Allen said — especially figuring out which one is to your advantage

Torii Station opened its doors for taxpayers in mid-January, getting a two-week jump on

most other tax offices. "Client volume is well ahead of last year's numbers," said Elaine Reeves, tax coordinator for the Army's Torii Tax Center

at Torii Station. On Camp Foster Allen said the biggest problem most servicemembers have is not being aware of the different tax breaks

they can claim. "There are a lot of deductions and a lot of tax credits out

there," he said Servicemembers also must choose which income tax forms to use, from the 1040EZ to much more complicated forms for itemized deductions.

"The good news is you don't have to worry about that at all when you come in here," he said. "Our online program automatically defaults to the appropriate form. ... We can help sort all this out.

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Marine Capt. Curtis Allen, officer in charge of the Camp Foster, Okinawa, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance office, urges troops to take advantage of the free tax help available on Pacific bases.

### What to bring ...

base tax centers, and opting for direct deposit of their refunds to their bank accounts, receive their refunds in as little as a week.

Here's what Elaine Reeves, tax coordinator for the Army's 10th Area Support Group at Torii Station, Okinawa, tells people to bring with them when they come to one of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance offices on military bases throughout the Pa-

■ Photo identification cards

■ Power of attorney. "You'll need this if you're filing a joint return and your spouse is absent," Reeves said. IRS instructions state that to file taxes electronically, married couples filing joint tax returns both must be present to sign the required forms, unless the person filing has a power of attorney for the absent

Social Security cards and birth dates for yourself, your spouse and dependents.

■ All W-2 forms for 2004. Hard copies of the forms should have been sent out by the end of January. Copies also are available at the My Pay Web site: https://mypay.dfas.mil/

■ If applicable, all 2004 Form 1099s — 1099INT for interest income on bank accounts or bonds; 1099DIV for dividend income on stocks, funds and IRAs; 1099MISC for all self-employment income; 1099R for retirement income

Form 1098 for mortgage interest and payment of property taxe

■ Bank routing numbers and account numbers (a voided check might do) if you are electing to have any refund deposited directly to a bank account.

■ The name, address, receipts and day-care identification numbers (such as Social Security numbers) of day-care provid-

■ Receipts for deductible expenses, such as rental property, moving, education,

■ Tuition receipts.

■ Educator expense documentation for teachers who worked more than 900 hours in 2004

■ A copy of your 2003 tax return.

Capt. Curtis Allen at the Marine VITA office on Camp Foster, Okinawa, added that anyone who claims a child in accordance with a divorce decree must bring in a copy of the decree.

Persons who owe taxes have several payment options, according to the IRS. Payment can be made by April 15 by authorizing electronic funds withdrawal - a direct debit - from a bank account; by credit card; or by check or money order made out to the United States Treasury by using a form 1040-V payment voucher

### Perks: Troops should ask about tax benefits

PERKS, FROM PAGE 3

However, she cautioned, depending on a servicemember's income and other factors. sometimes electing to consider combat pay as earned income actually may increase a servicemember's total tax bill

'The bottom line," Reeves said, "is calculate the EIC with and without the nontaxable combat pay and file with whichever gives you the larger credit." On-base tay service centers will perform

these calculations so servicemembers can determine which method will result in more cash for them

Child tax credit:

For 2004, this credit reduces your actual taxes owed by \$1,000 per qualifying child; it's not just a deduction from your taxable in-

"The child tax credit is not the same as the credit for child and dependent care expenses," the IRS Armed Forces' Tax Guide states. But as with the EIC, for purposes of computing the Child Tax Credit, combat pay now may be counted as income without changing its exclusion from your taxable in-

earning from \$110,000 are eligible for the Child Tax Credit. If your modified adjusted gross income is over the income threshold, you still might be able to receive a smaller credit.

To claim the Child Tax Credit, you must file on form 1040 or 1040A; you can't claim

it using Form 1040EZ. Extended filing deadlines

The regular filing deadline is April 15. But, the IRS servicemembers' tax guide states, "You can receive an automatic four-month extension ... if you file Form 4868 by the regular due date" — and if you don't owe any taxes. If you do owe, you'll be billed not only for the amount owed but for interest until you pay your tax bill

And if you're a servicemember on an as-

signed tour of duty outside the United States through the date your return is due, you can skip filing Form 4868 and still get a two-month extension, the tax guide states. Also - and perhaps of particular interest

to reservists and National Guard members - the armed forces tax guide says "if you are a member of the Armed Forces, you may qualify to defer (delay) payment of income tax that becomes due before or during your military service" — if you tell the IRS your ability to pay "has been materially affected by your military service.

Any Social Security and Medicare taxes you may owe are not included in the defer-

As with other tax breaks and military tax exceptions, the Armed Forces' Tax Guide lists more specifics and provides Internet links to additional information about filing deadlines. As with other tax code provisions that may affect members of the U.S. military, base officials say, the IRS has prepared offices to help servicemembers and their families

# **Popular** services now free

BY TOM HERMAN The Wall Street Journal

In an unusual departure for the \$1 billion tax software and online tax-preparation industry, makers of the nation's two best-selling programs are giving away free software and electronic-filing services to anyone who wants them.

The move to make the software free to everyone is the latest twist to emerge from a deal the Internal Revenue Service cut in late 2002 with numerous tax-preparation companies

The IRS, which has been trying to encourage more people to file electronically, promised not to provide its own free service during the term of the pact. In return, members of the alliance were required to offer free services, via the IRS Web site, to at least 60 percent of the nation's taxpayers.

Since the program's inception, nearly all such offers were limit-ed to people who met certain income, age or other restrictions. It has expanded this year amid growing industry competition to attract more users for both federal and state software.

In all, 19 Web-based versions

of federal tax-prep and electronic-filing programs are available free through the IRS.

Some businesses still restrict the free services based on such factors as income or age. But others — including the two biggest sellers, Intuit Inc., maker of Tur-boTax, and H&R Block, maker of TaxCut — are offering free services to everyone.

Nearly all of the free offers are

only for federal returns. Most people still will have to pay for software or electronic filing of state returns, and companies in the alliance hope to capture some of that business. Some companies also may use this as an opportunity to sell taxpayers on other financial services, such as mortgages or in-

Not surprisingly, there has been some grumbling in the industry about giving away tax-prepara-tion software. Tim Gokey, presi-dent of H&R Block's U.S. tax unit, says the firm believes unrestrict. ed free filing runs counter to the original intention of the so-called Free File Alliance between the IRS and the industry. But, he adds, "we changed our offer from \$34,000 per year adjusted gross in-come to unlimited free filing to remain competitive."
In addition, the free programs

aren't necessarily suitable for higher-income investors with complex returns and a desire for advice on how to minimize their taxes

IRS officials emphasize they aren't endorsing any of the mem-bers of the alliance, but that all members do have to meet certain IRS standards, notably security and privacy. For the full list of offerings, see the IRS Web site (www.irs.gov), which provides links to all the participating firms.

# Tough to pry pension plan out of new owners

Q: My company's traditional pension plan was one of the reasons I took a job there. I like the idea of having a guaranteed paycheck in retirement, regardless of how the markets are doing or how much I've managed to put aside.

But now our company is being nut on the block, and none of the potential buyers seems to have a traditional pension plan. Should my co-workers and I be

A: In a word, yes. Few corporations that don't already offer pensions want to take on the hassles and expense of funding them.

A traditional pension promises a set payment to retired workers for as long as they live. These plans are costly, and companies are increasingly phasing them out or in some cases. switching to cash-balance plans that are somewhat akin to 401(k) retirement accounts

The buyer of your company could take one of several courses. The first is to "freeze" the pension, which means you wouldn't lose the benefits you've

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accrued, but you wouldn't earn any more. The company would continue to administer the plan and arrange for you to get your retirement payment.

If the company decides to institute a cash-balance plan, the value of your pension holdings would be transferred into the plan, but the rate at which you accrue future benefits could change

More radically, the buyer might simply terminate the plan and either buy you an annuity that represents the benefits vou've accrued or simply pay those benefits to you in a lump sum.

If the plan doesn't have enough money to pay promised benefits, the buyer could turn it over to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., the quasi-government agency that runs failed plans. Again, you wouldn't accrue new benefits, and it's possible you could lose some if you're a highly paid worker close to retirement

The PBGC caps benefits at

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\$29,649 annually if you retire at 60 or \$45,614 if you retire at 65. Your chances of persuading a buyer to continue the plan may be low, but you can try making

Money Talk

the argument that pensions attract smart, older workers who understand their value, said pen-sion expert Steve Vernon, author of "Live Long and Prosper: Invest in Your Happiness. Health and Wealth for Retirement

You'd be though, to step up your efforts to save on your own. As rapidly as tra-Liz Pulliam Weston ditional pensions are disappearing, it makes sense for almost every worker to have at least something put aside for his

smart.

and Beyond."

or her own retirement. O: On the back of the credit card, what is the purpose of the three numbers that follow the account number? Why do some merchants require these numbers to make purchases over the Internet?

A: The numbers to which you

refer constitute the card security code. (American Express has its four-digit card security code on the front, above the account number.)

You'll notice they're printed on the card, rather than embossed. Online merchants ask for the codes as a way of proving that you actually have the card in your possession and didn't just pick up somebody else's credit card receipt.

It's a matter of self-defense When a bricks-and-mortar merchant approves a fraudulent nurchase, the credit card issuer often reimburses the loss as long as the merchant has the customer's signature on a receipt. Without a signature, though, a merchant's exposure is higher; it can "charge-backs," which the fraudulent purchase amount is rejected by the credit card company, leaving the mer-chant to shoulder the loss.

Asking for the code doesn't winnow out the thieves who actually have stolen cards in their possession, or who photocopied someone else's cards. But it does eliminate the most casual of identity thieves, and every little bit of prevention can help a merchant's bottom line.

Q: I have been trying to build my credit. I've never had a late payment on my credit card or auto loan, although I did have some old medical bills from six years ago I recently paid off.

But I just checked my credit score, and it has decreased by 95 points! I am so upset I don't know what to do. I spent more than \$1,200 on these bills thinking this would help. Did this hurt me in-

A: Your desire to do the right thing probably did the wrong thing for your credit score.

Because of the way credit scores are figured, paying an old bill often updates the troubled account, making it look more recent to the national credit bureaus. Because the scoring formula weighs recent behavior more heavily than past behavior, an old black mark that wasn't affecting your score much can suddenly have much more weight when the debt has been paid off.

The plunge in your score means that you'll be paying much higher interest rates and face much tougher credit terms if you apply for a new loan any time soon.

The best thing you can do now is to continue making your credit card and auto loan navments promptly and let time try to heal the wound you inadvertently in-

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### ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

### Behavioral-finance basics

By JUSTIN BACHMAN

The Associated Press

If you're like many American workers with a 401(k), you probably tinker with your in vestments' composition

Vigilance of the market and financial adjustments are smart, right? Um, sure. But many of us do silly things with our investments, and don't even realize it.

Understanding a few basic principles of behavioral finance and how it affects our decisions can help, according to Douglas Mangini, head of Nationwide Financial Services Inc.'s Financial Planners Channel. The company is a division of insurance giant Nationwide Mutual Insurance, based in Columbus, Ohio.

Mangini has a few tips:

■ Don't look to "strike while the iron's hot." Statistically, there is no "hot hand" when it comes to investing, just as casinos don't go bankrupt because

of gamblers going on a roll. Admit mistakes and move on. Don't allow a short-term error to become a long-term problem.

■ Don't follow the herd. Staying put or selling out on a company just because everyone else is doing so isn't always wise



Discover why so many people are saying...



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### **Sunday Horoscope**

tached and cool placement for this hotheaded planet. It's not wise to rush forward to battle without a strategy, and Mars in Capricom helps evolve ingenious plans. In the weeks to come, employ classic

approaches to obtain your goals. Respect the hierarchy of organizations, and that hierarchy will respect

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (February 6). There's no mountain high enough, no river wide enough to keep you from your ambition this year. By clinging to the spirit of determination, you make a lifestyle change this month. Money comes

from a new source as a result. In May, a battle of some kind is over, and you can take your victory trophy home. Romance signs are

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're feeling grounded and attracted to anyone confident enough to drop all pretension. Even the Rockefellers of the world are hailing cabs, so anyone playing high and mighty doesn't have a chance with

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

The Beatles wrote it, and you believe it: "All you need is love love is all you need." Now, if you could only convince that certain someone who keeps nagging you

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Everything is fine except for the sneaking suspicion you're becoming indistinct - just another face in the crowd. What will you do to set yourself apart this time? Something custom made just for you will do the trick. Splurge

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

People around you are getting too confusing and frankly a little more riled up than the situation calls for. The winning idea is also a simple one. Step back, and get an objective look at things before giving an oninion

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not your job to fix the world, as much as you'd like to help. Besides, if you're neglecting your own needs,

you're really no help at all! Balance your philanthropy with thorough and attentive self-care.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Delegating is always hard for you because nobody does it quite like

you can. But today, it will be downright impossible, so don't even try. Wake up early, stay up late, and fall in love with the do-it-yourself

process LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). You'll be welcomed into someone's home or taken into someone's confidence. It's so interesting to observe first hand how others are living! Be aware that you are a

trusted individual, and do nothing to compromise that trust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People who are overly emotional drive you nuts. That's why when you're hit with a surge of intense feeling this afternoon, it's particular ly unnerving. Just know that the world will be compassionate - you don't have to hold back

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You make a correct choice and ding-ding-ding - the big winner's bell goes off! Confetti falls from the sky! Well, not really, but there's nothing like the feeling of certainty you get from being right.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan

19). You're probably not giving yourself due credit. When you feel you haven't done enough, perhaps the thing to do is ask around. Parents or older relatives can be a fine gauge of your progress. Make the phone call

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

It's one thing to be attracted to what's shiny and new, and quite another to be rendered helpless by the attraction. Be strong now. Don't be like the moth that beats itself against the light bulb

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Energy comes from being near the hub of the action. Go where the inspiration is thick. You'll know you're getting something important out of the experience when your thoughts are so loud you can't hear your mouth.

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### Gang of 'cawdies' imitate cadets

I read that "caddie" comes from "cadet," and I would like to know more about the history of the word. Is there a connection between the military "cadet" and a golf "caddie"? When the English adopted the

French word "cadet" in the 17th century, they used it the way the French did — both for a "younger rrench did — both for a "younger son" and for a young gentleman in training for military service (since these were generally "younger sons," in need of a career).

The Scots, pronouncing "cadet' somewhat in the French way "CAH-day," but spelling it "cawd-ie," "cadee," or "caddie," also began using the word in the mid-17th century to refer to a military trainee.

In 18th-century Scotland a gang of young street people banded to-gether under the leadership of the Constable of the Cawdies. supposed they took their name and to some degree ran their organization, in imitation of the more respectable "caddies" in military service. Despite their unseemly appearance, they were actually on the lookout for whatever kind of employment came their way — odd jobs of any sort. As a result, in Scottish English "caddie" eventual-ly came to mean "a person who waits about for odd jobs."

This column was prepared by the editors of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition. Readers may send questions to Merriam-Webster's Wordwatch, P.O. Box 281, 47 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102

### Daughter's murder request should raise red flags for dad

Dear Abby: What do you think of a very intelligent 15 1/2-year-old girl, a straight-A student, who asks her noncustodial father to kill her mother's boyfriend which the father, of course, will not do? This girl is not a gang

member or on drugs How do you justify this kind of thinking in a teenage girl, and how do you reconcile the fact that she claims to love her father while asking him to kill somebody for - Concerned in Nevada

Either the girl has serious emotional problems, or she's having serious problems with her moth er's boyfriend. I would not aues tion the girl's love for her father, but I would urge him to intervene and see that his daughter receives the help she obviously

needs, including assuring that she's out of reach of the boy-

emotionally abused or molested

friend. She could have been

hy him Dear Abby: My daughter, "Lisa" is 18 and a freshman in college, has a part-time job in a local clothing store where she receives a 15 percent employee discount. I work in a beauty salon

nearby, which allows me to see

Lisa during her frequent visits to

One of my co-workers, "Francine," has on numerous occasio cornered my daughter and asked her to buy things for her, using

Dear Abby

her employee benefit. This is strictly against store policy. When Francine asks me if Lisa is working on any given day. I ask her why, and she answers, "She's supposed to let me know when 'whatever' goes on sale." It's not the truth.

If I confront Francine it will cause tension, which will result in Lisa's visits being less frequent. With our busy schedules, it's the only time I get to see her ays. Is this some thing I should stay out

of, or should I play "rescue mom and get it over with? This has been going on for a few months now, and enough already! It's tacky and rude. Francine is a co-worker, not a friend. How should this be handled? - Furious in Las Vegas

Dear Furious: Your daughter should not be risking her job so that Francine can get a good deal. I knew a personable and kind-hearted young man who was fired for doing what your daughter has been doing.

Have a talk with Lisa, and tell her that the next time Francine approaches her, she should tell the woman that she cannot do it

and she doesn't want to lose her ioh. It's the truth, and she shouldn't feel guilty for saying it. She's being taken advantage of. If Lisa is afraid to speak up, do it for her.

Dear Abby: I made the mistake of putting out a candy dish at work for clients who might stop in. One of my co-workers consistently takes candy - usually more than all the clients combined — and she's not even supposed to be eating sugar! Recently, my fiance and I decided to start saving for a house. We are on a tight budget, so I stopped putting out candy. My co-worker continually asks where "treats" are.

I have told her we're trying to save for a house, and her reply was, "Oh, you poor baby. You should put out a collection jar for donations." I don't feel I should ask clients for donations, especially since she's the one taking all the candy. Please advise me how to respond politely to her. I am out – Confidential in Maryland

Dear Confidential: The next time your co-worker asks where her treats are, smile sweetly and tell her, "The concession is closed."

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

### Promise of step-daughter's departure taken off the table

she is planning to attend college,

Dear Annie: Two years ago, I met a man with a 16-year-old daughter, "Josie." At the time, my son was 13. "Bob" proposed after we had known each other about a year, and he and Josie moved in with us a few months

before we were to marry Not long after, I had to tell Bob

that I couldn't marry him because of his daughter. Josie is pompous, spoiled, sarcastic and self-absorbed (her dad agrees). Bob said if Josie was still a problem after we married, he would send her to live with her mother across town. I accepted those terms, and we married.

A few months ago, I suggested it was time for Josie to live with her mother, as he had originally offered, However, Bob now claims he cannot recall our conversation and that I must be mistaken

I am furious with Bob. He refuses to have Josie move out, and I feel he manipulated me into this mess. My health is suf-fering, and I don't want my son in this turbulent situation. What should I do?

— Trusting Your Judgment Dear Trusting: Yes, Bob manipulated you. He should not have made any promises he was unwilling to keep.

Josie should be 18 by now. If

we strongly recommend you check out the dorms. If she is not going to continue her education, she should get a job and pay rent on her own apartment. If Bob refuses to encourage Josie to move out, insist on counseling so he understands what is at stake.

#### Dear Annie: 1 Annie's Mailbox laughed out loud when I



read the responses you printed several months ago to the question, "When are you going to have kids? As a young mother of four, I often am asked, "When are you going to STOP having kids?" I

know we live in a soci-

ety where American families have an aver age of 2.2 kids, but my husband and I dearly love all our children and work hard to raise them right. We think of each one as a blessing

I would love to have some witty remarks to use when people ask us that rude question Mama of Four.

San Francisco Bay Area Dear Mama of Four: As long as you can support them, you are entitled to have as many children as you want. However, since our readers enjoy putting in their two cents' worth, we will print the best responses to your

Dear Annie: I am 21 years old. My grandfather helped me find a wonderful job in his state, so I moved in with him. My grandma died about six months ago, so I felt I would be helping randpa out, and moving up the career ladder in the process.

Although I love Grandpa and am extremely grateful for his help, he is very stubborn. He absolutely will not take any of my money to help with rent or other expenses

Grandpa is in good health and is retired. I know he loves having me here, but he is hard to live with. The place is never heated or air-conditioned to my liking, and I don't feel comfortable doing anything without his per-mission. Also, what happens if I invite a guy over? I really want my own place, but I worry about leaving Grandpa alone with no

one but his dog for company.

— Unsure in Wyoming
Dear Unsure: Dogs make great companions, and if you promise to stop by Grandpa's often and call daily to check up on him, we think you should go ahead and find your own place. Don't let guilt push you into doing something you resent.

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#### SPECIAL TO STARS AND STRIPES

## Walter Scott's Personality

Want the facts? Opinions? Truth? Write Walter Scott, Box 5001, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163-5001, Full name will be used unless otherwise requested. Volume of mail makes personal replies impossite

QCan you explain why Russian models like Natalia Vo-dianova are the hot new thing in fashion? What's happened to the gorgeous Brazilians like Gisele Bündchen? - Tracy Metcalfe, Detroit, Mich.

Fashion operates with a herd mentality. It's passed Aout of its "Brazilian moment" and is currently in its "Russian moment." On runways and on the covers of fashion magazines, slim Russian beauties like 22-year-old Natalia Vodianova have replaced sultry types from Brazil. What's the next "moment"? Only God and Karl Lagerfeld know.

Showtime is making a TV movie called "Two Blind Mice," about Disney CEO Michael Eisner and Michael Ovitz, whom he hired and then fired with a huge golden parachute. Who will play the two Mikes? - Jack Knight, Pompano Beach, Fla.

So far, Showtime has only ordered a script - from Frederic Raphael, who co-wrote "Eyes Wide Shut" with director Stanley Kubrick. Casting hasn't started yet, but we think Stanley Tucci would make a convinc-ing Eisner. We welcome readers' sugges-tions for the role of Ovitz.



Orbach's final "Law and Orde episodes should get huge ratings.

Though Jerry Orbach Qrassed away, will the segments he taped for the new Dick Wolf show. "Law & Order: Trial by Jury," still air? — Brett Ferino, Warrington, Pa.

AYes. Before his death from prostate cancer at age 69, Orbach shot three episodes of "Trial" in which his three character, retired Detective Lennie Briscoe. does investigative work for the Manhattan DA At press time, NBC hadn't set a date to air these episodes, which are sure to garner humongous ratings.

Clive Owen was fantastic in "Closer." He'd make a great James Bond. Has Hollywood looked at this hunk? — Sandra Taylor, Aurora, Colo.

Hollywood not only has looked; it has made the 40-year-old Brit the top contender to succeed Pierce Brosnan as 007. Is he interested? "If and when I'm offered the role, I'll think about it," Owen told us. "I only deal in concrete issues." Next issue: "Sin City." with Bruce Willis, due out April 1

Enough with Britney and Jessica! Know any genuinely tal-Qented newcomers who'd rather make music than headlines? — Robin P., San Angelo, Texas A How about piano-playing siblings from Utah, "The 5

Browns"? Desirae, 25, Deondra, 24, Gregory, 22, Melody, 20, and Ryan, 19, all attended Juilliard. They've played with major orchestras and will release a self-titled CD this week.

| read that French President Jacques Chirac is coming to the U.S. to meet with President Bush. Is it a signal that they've patched up their differences? — L.P., Little Rock, Ark.

No. During the Presidential campaign, Chirac rooted for John Kerry. When Mr. Bush won - and Paris was conspicuously absent from his announced trip to Europe, scheduled to start Feb. 22 - Chirac was forced to swallow his pride. The purpose of his U.S. visit is to see what can be salvaged of Paris' relations with Washington.

Now that Kelly Perdew is the new Apprentice, does the previous winner, Bill Rancic, still have a job with Trump? na Tashman, Slate Hill, N.Y.

AYes. Rancic has three months left of his 12-month apprenticeship, "After that," the Donald tells us, "he'll stay with me or go out on his own. Either way, he too will become a mil-

Ol just saw Cavalia, the big-top event with horses, and won-dered about one trick rider: Kansas Carradine. Is she from the acting family of the same name? - K.E., Seal Beach, Calif. Yes. Kansas, 26, is the daughter of "Kung Fu" and "Kill A Yes. Kansas, 20, is the taugment of Name 1 and A Bill" star David Carradine, 68. "I fell in love with riding when my dad brought a horse home from a film set," says Kansas, who began trick riding at 11. "I did stunts on films like "Hidalgo," but I've waited my whole life for a show like this." Cavalia is now on a nationwide tour.

In the '40s, Betty Grable's legs were insured for \$1 million.

Are celebrity body parts still insured today? — Rodolfo C., dera, Calif.

AYes. Among others, it's reported that the legs of English soccer star David Beckham are insured for \$70 million, Heidi Klum's gams for \$2 million and Bruce Springsteen's vocal cords for \$6 million. But Jennifer Lopez denies rumors that her derrière is covered for \$27 mil-

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Could it be King Arthur one minute, James Bond the next for moody English hottie Clive Owen?



Beckham, right, and model Heidi Klum, far right, have something in common besides their enviable good looks rumor has it, their legs are insured for millions

British soccer star David

SUN, FEB. 6 10:00 "Shogi" Lesson/NHK Trophy "Shogi" Tour-nament (3) 11:50 Rennu-Ohita Mainichi Marathon (6)

Afternoon
12:00 "Go" Lesson/NHK Trophy "Go" Tournament (3)
2:20 Toursy Pacific Open Tennis (6)

3:00 FIS World Cup Alpine Ski Jump in Sapporo

#### 5:30 Auto Racing (12)

Evening
7:00 News (1)
7:00 Japan Senior High School Volleyball Tournament in Kanagawa Prefecture (42) 8:55 PGA Tour: 2004 Linde German Masters High-lights (42)

9:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Orchestra Kobe Earthquake Memorial Concert — Mozart's Requium in A Minor, K626 (sopra-no: Aki Mori, mezzo soprano: Sumie Fuku-

9:00 Korean Movie (1999): Shuri (1:54)(10) 10:00 Classical Music: Interview with Midor Goto (violin)/Mozart's Opera "Marriage o Figaro" (conductor: Rene Jacobs)(3)

12:15 Soccer: Serie A — Sampdoria vs. Fiorenti-

na (8) 12:25 Rugby: Top League Microsoft Cup — Final (10) 2:10 Kagawa Marukame Half Marathon (8) 3:10 Japan Senior High School Volleyball Tour-nament in Ibaraki Prefecture (8)

MON, FEB. 7

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1:30 U.S. Movie (1988): The Bourne Identity
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5:50 News (6)

Evening 7:00 News (1)

9:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Extreme Ops (2:00)(12) 10:00 News (1) 1:35 Football CX: Serie A/Premier/Liga Digest 1:59 NFL Club (4) 2:29 Code Name: ETERNITY (4)

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Afternoon
12:00 2005 WRC Rally (12)
5:00 LPGA Tour: Women's World Cup of Golf Preview (4)
5:50 News (6)

7:00 News (1) 9:00 Football Mundial (42)

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2:30 Korean Movie (2000): Libera Me (2:17/8)
2:50 U.S. Movie (1393): Timebomb (1:50)(10)
3:10 U.S. Movie (1398): Cherry 2000 (1:50)(12)
3:16 Classical Music (1)(r)
3:35 CBS Documentary (6)

1:00 Traditional Arts of Janan: Noh & Kyogen (3) 2:00 Japan Rugby Championship (1 4:00 TVh Cup Alpine Ski Jump (12)

1:10 E.K. VIII (1) 2:10 Italian Movie (1965): Il Momneto Della Veri-ta (1:47)(6) 3:20 Korea Movie (2001): Failan (1:56)(12)

SUN, FEB. 6

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 8:00 Makes A Video: Good Charlotte 8:30 Making the Video: Beyonce, Missy Elliott 9:00 Rock On 9:30 Screen 10:00 Rocks

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### SUN, FEB. 6

8:20 British Movie (2002): The Final Curtain (1:30)

Afternoon 12:10 U.S. Movie (1942): Casablanca (1:43) 4:35 Beyonce Live at Wellington

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Evening
6:20 TV Series: Friends the Final #229
8:00 Australian Movie (1995): Shine
(1:46)
10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Lara Croft
Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life
(2:00)

(2:00)
12:00 Pro Boxing: WBA Superlight-weight Championship — Alexander Munoz vs. Martin Castillo
2:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Conviction
(1:44) 4:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

MON, FEB. 7

Morning 7:30 Oswald #29

Afternoon

5:50 News (6)

7:00 News (1)

10:00 News (1) 10:00 Nikita (42)

Evening

12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12) 1:30 U.S. Movie (1999): Eye of the Be

10:00 Nikita (42) 12:20 NFL: Super Bowl XXXIX — New England Pa-triots vs. Philadelphia Eagles (4) 1:10 PGA Tour: FBR Open — Final Round (1) 2:29 Italian Movie (1960): II Bell' Antonio (2:01)(4)

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TUE. FEB. 8

Afternoon
12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)
1:30 U.S. Movie (1995): To Die For (2:00)(12)

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Evening 7:00 News (1) 7:30 What I Like About You (3)

8:00 The Simpsons (42) 10:00 News (1)

10:25 Korean Drama: SangDoo! Let's Go To School O.S.T. (4)

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Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: Third Watch
1:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Hunter: Back
in Force (13:0)
2:30 U.S. Movie (2001): Spy Kids (13:0)
4:00 U.S. Movie (1995): Nick of Time
(13:0)

Evening 6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola 8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Adaption (2:00) 10:00 Ultimate Fighting Champion-

nip Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola 12:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola 2:30 South Park #106 3:00 French Movie (2003): Michel Vail-lant (1:45) 5:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Eight Legged Freaks (1:40)

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Afternoon 12:15 CNN News

Evening 6:15 CNN News

omic News 9:15 Economic News
10:10 BS Documentary: Arteriosclerosis and New Drug
11:15 2005 World Alpine Skling Championships: Women's Glant Slalom
1:10 PGA Golft: FBR Open — Final
Round Highilights
2:15 Aslan News
3:35 World Amazing Sports
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### THU, FEB. 10

10:10 U.S. Movie (2001): Angel Eyes (1:47) Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: Third Watch 3:10 U.S. Movie (2002): Signs (1:50) 5:30 Oswald #32

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Morning
7:90 Railway Story: Czech
8:90 U.S. Movie (1992): Singles (1:40)
9:40 U.S. Movie (1985): About Last
Night... (1:55)
11:50 U.S. Movie (2002): Murder By
Numbers (2:10)

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Morning 6:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Death to Smoochy (1:50) 8:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Inves-tigation – Miami 2 10:30 Belgian-French-Dutch Movie (2001): Pauline & Paulette (1:20)

Afternoon 12:00 U.S. Movie (1980): Raging Bull (2:10) (2:10) 2:10 U.S. Movie (2002): Frida (2:10) 4:20 U.S. Movie (1994): Pulp Fiction

(2:36)
Evening
8:00 U.S. Movie (2003): How to Lose a
Guy in 10 Days (2:00)
10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Identity (1:38)
12:00 TV Series: Friends the Final
#230

12:40 TV Series: Sex and the City 4:20 U.S. Movie (2002): 50 Greatest Animals of All Time (1:28) 5:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

### JAPAN TV (BS7/NHK SATELLITE) (BILINGUAL AND SPORTS)

SUN, FEB. 6

Morning
6:10 PGA Golf: FBR Open
8:10 World News
9:10 What's On Japan (r)
Afternoon
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9:15 Economic News 10:10 BS Documentary: Pre-implanta-tion Genetic Diagnosis 11:15 NFL Super Bowl: New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles 2:15 Asian News

3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News

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Asian Preliminary: Japan vs.
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Documentary: Human Traf-ig in India/Nenal

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Iran 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News

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tion: Exhibi Evening 6:10 CNN News 7:10 BS Documentary: Battle of Stalin-grad (1/3)(r) 8:10 BS Documentary: Battle of Stalingrad (2/3)(r)

Afternoon 3:00 U.S. Movie (1972): The Life as Times of Judge Roy Bean (2:02)

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SAT, FEB. 12

Morning 8:10 World News 8:10 World News 9:10 World News 10:10 World Reports (r) 11:10 History of FIFA (r) 11:50 CNN News

11:50 CNN NEWS Afternoon 1:03 WJBL: Women's Basketball: JAL Rabbits vs. Chanson V-Magic 3:00 Women's Volleyball V-League: Toray Arrows vs. NEC Rockets Evening 7:10 NBA: Denver Nuggets vs. Cleve-land Cavalliers

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#### JAPAN TV (BS11/NHK SATELLITE) (BILINGUAL, SPORTS, MOVIES AND MUSIC) 3:00 U.S. Movie (1955): The Last Com-mand (1:55) SUN, FEB. 6

Evening 7:00 NHK News

### MON, FEB. 7

8:15 World News 10:00 Classical Music: Gil Shaham (vi Afternoon 3:00 U.S. Movie (1955): A Man Alone (1:40)

7:45 U.S. Movie (1962): To Kill a Mock-ingbird (2:15) 10:00 TV Series: ER IX (r) 12:00 U.S. Movie (1973): The Sting (2:10)

### TUE, FEB. 8

10:00 Classical Music: Modern Virtuo-so Performers (r) Afternoon

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WED, FEB. 9

3:00 U.S. Movie (1965): Major Dundee (2:05 Evening 7:00 NHK News

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Orchestra – Kobe Earthquake Memorial Concert 

SAT, FEB. 12

1:10 Czech Movie (1965): The Shop on Main Street (2:10)

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Evening 7:00 Ben Maller & Jason Smith — Sports (live) 8:00 Adult Rock 12:00 Country

Afternoon 2:00 Sports Overnight America (live)

Morning (Mon)
7:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)
8:00 Adult Rock
11:00 Jim Lampley (live) Sports

1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded) 2:00 Adult Rock

Evening 7:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country 1:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (live)

2:00 Country
Morning (Tue-Thu)
6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)
8:00 Adult Rock
11:00 FOX Sports

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Evening 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

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9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz) Afternoon 12:00 American Country Countdown 4:00 A Prairie Home Companion

Evening 6:00 Focus on the Family 6:30 Travel Radio 7:00 Dr. Laura

7:00 Dr. Laura 8:00 Beale Street Caravar 9:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) 9:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)(Mon-Fri)
2:00 Sports Overnight America
4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation LIVE (Tue-Fri)
4:00 NPR on the Media (Mon)
5:00 NPR Living on Earth (Mon)
Morning (Mon-Fri)
6:00 Eagle SI0 Morning Show (Contemporary
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200 Lights on Morring show (Contemporary 7-37 Paul Harvey News and Commentary 7:20 Pacific Report 7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story 7:28 Eagle 810 News 7:30 Zama Commander's Corner (1st Friday) Yokota Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Fri-day) 10:00 Netro Caté (70s, 80s, 90s)

Afternoon 12:05 Pacific Report 12:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary 12:21 Air Force Radio News 2:00 Top 40 Music

2:00 Top 40 Music 3:00 Traffic Jamz (Current Chart Hits) 4:05 Pacific Report 4:07 AFN Sportspage 4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story Feening

Evening 6:00 From the Bench Live Sports (Wed) Yokosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday) 8:00 Rush Limbaugh

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9:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/Country:
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Morning (Sat) 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE 8:05 Car Talk 9:00 Kim Koma 10:00 Classic Rock

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 4:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)

Evening 6:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 7:00 The Touch (Urban)

12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative) 2:00 Sports Overnight America 4:00 Adult Contemporary POWER 1575 Morning (Sun) 7:00 NPR: All Thin

FM WEEKLY RADIO

### JAPAN — YOKOTA

FM CABLE Radio Services (On Base Only) Z-Rock (Alternative) 90.3 FM Fagle 810 (Variety) 90.7 FM National Pubic Radio (News, Talk) 91.3 FM

Bright AC (Pop) 91.7 FM Adult Rock (Classic Rock) 92.3

The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM

Country 93.3 FM Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM National Public Radio

Morning (Sun) 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered

8:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 11:00 Piano Jazz

Afternoon 12:00 Beethoven Network

1:00 Weekend All Things Considered 2:00 Dialogue

2:30 Uncommon Knowledge 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network

5:00 Jazz Profiles Evening

6:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me 7:00 A Prairie Home Companion 9-00 Weekend Edition Sunday

11:00 Justice Talking 12:00 Fresh Air Weekend

1:00 This American Life 2:00 Le Show with Harry Shearer 3:00 On the Media

5:00 Weekly Edition

8:00 Rush Limbaugh 9:00 Parent's Journal 10:00 Chef's Table 11:00 Sports Overnight America

12:00 Adult Rock

4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
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7:00 Hot AC
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3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
Morning (Mon-Fri)
6:00 Morning AF Strike
6:30 Paul Harvey News
7:10 Horoscope
7:30 Inside Iwakuni Radio News
8:30 Rest of the Story

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1150 orden Assault Afternoon 1:00 Z-Rock/Golden Oldies (Fri) 2:00 The Afterburner 2:30 Inside Iwakuni Radio News 2:34 Rest of the Story

2:36 Pacific Report 3:30 Paul Harvey News 3:40 AFN Sportspage 4:00 Departure Time Evening 6:00 NPR: Fresh Air

The Rock Show (Mon)/Old School (Thu)/The Mosh Pit (Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock 3:00 Country Morning (Sat) 6:00 Pure Gold (Ol 10:00 Soundbarrie

Afternoon 2:00 Rick Dee's Weekly Top 40 2:00 RICK DRESS WEEKBY COP. II.
EVENING
6:00 MPR: All Things Considered
7:00 The Jim Rome Show
8:00 The Touch
12:00 Z-Rock
5:00 Hot Jazz

#### JAPAN — MISAWA

THE EDGE - AM 1575

Morning (Sun) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Hot AC 9:00 Oldies 10:00 Hot AC 12:00 ACC Country 4:00 Adult Rock

Evening 6:00 Prairie Home Morning (Mon-Thu) 12:00 Z-Rock

12:00 Z-ROCK 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Sports Overnite America 5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Weekend All Things Considered

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8:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network

6:00 Matt in the Morning 9:00 Hot AC

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Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 3:00 Edge Aft Evening 6:00 Country 8:00 R&B

Morning (Fri)
12:00 Z-Rock
2:00 Classic Rock
4:00 Sports Overnite America
5:00 Rush Limbaugh
6:00 Matt in the Morning

10:00 Hot AC

9:00 FlashBack 11:00 Hot AC Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 1:00 Inside The Line 3:00 That Country Show

3:00 That Country Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 8:00 R&B 10:00 Hot AC Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock

2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Hot AC 6:00 Oldies 8:00 Car Talk 9:00 Saturday Retro

3:00 Nuestra Mi 5:00 Kim Komar Evening 6:00 Jim R 7:00 Z-Rock 9:00 Hot AC

#### JAPAN — SASEBO

THUNDER PADIO 1575 THUNDER RADIO 1575
Morning (Sunday)
12:00 Top 40
4:00 Soft Hits
7:00 Religious Programming
10:00 Focus on the Family
10:30 The Environmental Show
11:00 Savvy Traveler

Afternoon 12:00 American Country Countdown

4:00 Top 40 4:00 Top 40
Evening
6:00 Classic Rock
9:00 Z Rock
Morning (Mon-Fri)
12:00 Soft Hits 3:00 Oldies 5:00 Rush Limbauch 6:00 Morning Drive 9:00 Country

Afternoon 12:00 "The Jam" with Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and Fri)

Fri) 12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu) 3:00 "The Rush" Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 9:00 Top 40

Morning (Saturday)

4:00 rop 40 4:00 Classic Rock 7:00 All Things Considered 8:30 Best of Our Knowledge 9:00 Oldies 9:00 Oldies 10:00 Car Talk 11:00 DJ Top 40 Show (live)

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees American Top 40 4:00 Nuestra Musica Evening 8:00 Urban

#### KOREA

Thunder AM Morning (Sun)

Morning (Sun)
12:00 Country
5:00 NPR Weekly Edition
7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
10:00 Nuestra Musica
Afternoon
12:00 Oldies Radio 4:00 Sports Overnight America

4:00 Sports Overnight America Evening 6:00 NPR Car Talk 7:00 Prairie Home Companion 8:00 NPR Weekend Edition Sunday 11:00 Country

Morning (Mon) 12:00 Country 5:00 NPR 7:00 Morning Page

5:00 NPR 7:00 Morning Report 7:30 This Week with Sam & Cokie 8:00 Oldies Radio Afternoon 12:00 Noon Report

12:35 News & Views 1:00 Dr. Laura 2:00 Country 5:00 Jim Rome Show Evening 6:00 Eveni ing Deport

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Evening 6:00 Evening Report 6:35 Sports Byline 7:00 Rush Limbaugh

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition 10:00 Country Morning (Sat) 12:00 Country 5:00 NPR All Things Considered 7:00 Oldies Padio

(Note: The Schedule is subject to change due to sports schedules.)

#### AM RADIO SPORTS AND SPECIALS

MONDAY
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G000 NFL Pegame Show
7:00 NFL Super Bowl XXXIX: Philadelphia Eagles at New England Patriots

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3:00 Sports Over Evening 6:00 Adult Rock

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Morning 6:00 NFL Pegame Show 7:00 NFL Super Bowl XXXIX: Philadelphia Eagles at New England Patriots

### KOREA

SUNDAY

3:00 Collège Basketball: Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at Duke Blue Devils 7:00 Collège Basketball: UCLA Bruins at Washington Huskins MONDAY

Morning 6:00 NFL Pegame Show 7:00 NFL Super Bowl XXXIX: Philadelphia Eagles at New England Patriots THESSDAY

**Morning** 11:00 College Basketball: Oklahoma Sooners at Oklahoma State Cowboys

THURSDAY

Morning 9:00 NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Boston Celtics

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#### 2:00 Fresh Air Weekend 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network 6:00 Morning Edition 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)

Morning (Mon)

Afternoon

Evening

12:00 Car Talk

12:00 The Connection (call in) 1:00 Fresh Air

2:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)

5-00 All Things Considered Morning (Tue-Fri)

7:00 The World 8-00 Marketolace 8:30 Says You (Tue) Latino USA (Wed) Living on Earth (Thu) Uncommon Knowledge (Fri) Rewind (Sat)

9:00 The WFMT Reethoven Network Afternoon

1:00 All Things Considered 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network Evening

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3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in) 5:00 All Things Considered Morning (Sat)

7:00 The World 8:00 Marketplace 8:30 Rewind

9:00 The WFMT Reethoven Network

Afternoon 1:00 All Things Considered

3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network 5:00 WFMT Jazz Evening

6:00 Thistle & Shamrock 7:00 Weekly Edition 8:00 Powind

8:30 Savs You

9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 11:00 Car Talk (call in) 12:00 Beale Street Caravan 1:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 3:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night

5:00 National Press Club

KOREA

EAGLE FM Morning (Sun) 12:00 7-Pock

4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 8:00 Christian Contemporary 9:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 10:00 Saturday Night 80's Afternoon

12:00 Boh Kingsley's Country Count-4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary Evening

9:00 Z-Rock Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 7-Bock

5:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Uijong-bu, Kunsan, Taegu and Osan) 10:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Taegu and Osan)

1:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 3:00 Live Local Show (Korea-wide) 6:00 Adult Rock

Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock 5:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

8:00 Saturday Morning Wake-up (Korea-wide) Afternoon 12:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

8-00 Urban Adult Contemporary

Evening 9:00 Adult Rock

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FM - WAVE 89.1 Morning (Sun) 12:00 Adult Rock

4:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) Afternoon 12:00 American Country Count

4:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)
Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock 5:00 Morning Show (live)

9:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 11:00 Wave Break (live) Afternoon 1:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) rnoon Show (live)

Evening 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 10:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC) Morning (Sat)

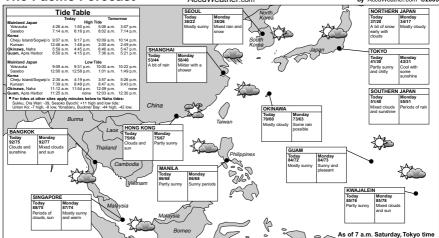
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#### **Extended Forecasts**

high 52, low 38

Tuesday: Rain, high 49, low 41 Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine

#### KADENA

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 73, low 63. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 73, low 64

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 40, low 25. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 38, low 17.

#### MANILA

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 70. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high 86, low 70,

lows are for selected cities

#### HAGATNA

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 74. Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 74.

#### Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/I OW
Albuquerque	51/30	Los Angeles	76/48
Amarillo	60/31	Little Rock	56/34
Anchorage	10/-6	Louisville	52/33
Asheville	49/27	Miami	70/55
Baltimore	46/28	Milwaukee	45/31
Birmingham	58/34	Nashville	53/32
Bismarck	51/28	New York	44/32
Boise	46/26	Omaha	63/35
Boston	38/30	Orlando	63/46
Brownsville	65/47	Philadelphia	43/28
Buffalo	37/23	Phoenix	70/52
Burlington	38/17	Pittsburgh	42/24
Charleston, S	C 57/35	Portland, OR	50/38
Charlotte	55/32	Portland, ME	41/24
Cleveland	41/25	Salt Lake City	47/28
Columbus, O.	H 44/26	St. Louis	59/37
Duluth	47/26	San Antonio	61/45
El Paso	54/38	San Diego	74/50
Hartford	41/19	San Juan	82/68
Helena	50/31	Tampa	62/45
Indianapolis	49/32	Tulsa	63/38
Jacksonville	59/37	Washington, D	C 45/30
Kansas City	65/37	Wichita	61/35



Sunday, February 06

#### U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system will bring morning rain to Texas and Oklahoma Sunday; thunderstorms will rumble across East Texas. The rain will spread northward into Wisconsin along a cold front. In the wake of this cold front, frigid air will usher into eastern Montana, the Dakotas and Minnesota. Meanwhile, another storm system will bring rain and mountain snow to the northern West Coast. At the same time, rain and mountain snow showers will develop from northern Arizona and northwestern New Mexico into southern Idaho and western Wyoming. Meanwhile, dry and sunny weather will dominate much of the East Some rain will stretch from the Great Lakes into the Mississippi Valley on Monday.

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Sunday's Pacific Temperatures							res Sunday's world Temperatures						
CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY F	IGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/75	lwakuni	48/36	Sasebo NB	52/42	Acapulco	90/75	Budapest	30/18	Kabul	34/10	Nairobi	85/55
Beijing	29/10	Kadena AB	70/60	Sapporo	37/20	Athens	39/25	Buenos Aires	91/73	Kiev	20/13	New Delhi	59/32
Camp Casey	38/21	Kunsan AB	41/31	Seoul	38/22	Auckland	75/59	Cairo	61/37	Kuwait	69/46	Oslo	32/20
Christchurch	77/60	Kwajalein	85/76	Shanghai	53/44	Baghdad	55/34	Cancun	81/66	London	45/36	Paris	40/30
Diego Garcia	86/78	Manila	86/68	Singapore	88/75	Barbados	87/69	Cape Town	94/76	Madrid	44/30	Rio de Janeiro	75/62
Hagatna	84/72	Misawa AB	29/18	Sydney	84/64	Barcelona	46/33	Geneva	37/27	Mexico City	70/48	Rome	45/33
Hanoi	74/65	Osan	39/22	Taegu	46/30	Berlin	34/27	Istanbul	32/20	Montreal	41/27	St. Petersburg	28/19
Hong Kong	75/66	Perth	77/53	Taipei	76/65	Bermuda	70/58	Jerusalem	49/35	Mogadishu	94/79	Stockholm	33/25
Honolulu	81/67	Pusan	46/33	Tokvo	41/30	Brussels	43/31	Johanneshur	80/59	Moscow	22/12	Warsaw	28/18



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Philadelphia	21	24	.467	1/2			
New Jersey	19	27	.413	3			
Toronto	19	27	.413	3			
New York	18	27	.400	31/2			
Southeast Division							
Miami	34	14	.708	-			
Washington	26	18	.591	6.			
Orlando	25	20	.556	71/2			
Charlotte	10	32	.238	21			
Atlanta	9	35	.205	23			
Central Division							
Detroit	28	18	.609				
Cleveland	26	19	.578	11/2			
Chicago	22	21	.512	41/2			
Indiana	20	24	.455	7			
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# **Duncan hurts knee in Spurs victory**

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Tim Duncan was on the floor, grabbing his left knee with both hands and writh-

ing in obvious pain. The San Antonio Spurs could only watch helplessly and hope

for the best Fortunately, it appears that's what they got

Duncan sat out the last 151/a minutes after hyperextending his left knee during the Spurs' 103-91 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night, but doesn't think he'll miss any more playing time.

"It feels pretty good," Duncan said afterward. "It'll be all right."



That's a relief for his coaches and teammates.

"When it's your best player, that makes you think a whole lot of things," Spurs coach Gregg

Popovich said. The Spurs don't play again until Tuesday night, giving Duncan time to rest and recunerate.

The game was the first for the Lakers since Rudy Tomjanovich resigned as coach, citing health concerns. Frank Hamblen, Tomjanovich's replacement, lobbied for the return of Phil Jackson ear-

lier in the day.

Parker had 22 points and nine assists, and Malik Rose came off the bench for season-high totals of 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who blew most of a 28-point lead in the fourth quarter with Duncan on the bench be fore going on a 10-5 run to finish the game.

Duncan was injured with 8:40 left before halftime in a collision with Caron Butler. Duncan sat out the rest of the second quarter, but started the second half and had nine points and five rebounds in the third quarter before coming out for good with 3:39 to play in the period.

Duncan finished with 17 points in 19 minutes.

Heat 100, Cavaliers 88: Shaq uille O'Neal had 26 points and 12 rebounds, and the Heat overcame 31 points and 10 assists from LeBron James, voted an All-Star starter earlier in the day, to beat the visiting Cavaliers

Clippers 106, Grizzlies 103: Bobby Simmons scored seven of his 26 points in the final three minutes, and Marko Jaric added 25 points as the visiting Clippers won their third straight and snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Grizzlies.

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Resi Stiegler of the United States skis across the finish line backwards during Friday's second slalom run of the women's combined in the Alpine World Ski Championships in Santa Caterina Valfurva, Italy. Stiegler lost any chance at a medal when she missed a gate during the run, but was determined to record a finish. She hiked back up to make the gate she had missed and then crossed the finish line with a theatrical flourish.



**Kostelic repeats combined** 

The Associated Press

SANTA CATERINA VALFUR-VA, Italy - Olympic champion Janica Kostelic capped a remarkable comeback from illness and injury by repeating as combined hold medalist in the Alpine World

Ski Championships on Friday. Kostelic, who had her thyroid gland removed last season and endured several knee operations, completed the morning downhill

runs in a combined time of 2 minutes, 53,70 seconds.

"The gold medal means a lot to me. To be able to defend it even though I had no expectations here is wonderful," the Croat said. "My first slalom run was so-so but, second run I gave everything I had, and I won

Sweden's Anja Paerson, who tracked Kostelic closely throughtout the day, took the silver in 2:55.15. The Swede, who won last

was .66 behind Kostelic after the downhill run, and then narrowed the gap to .37 after posting the

fastest opening slalom leg. However, she was no match for

Kostelic in the second slalom run. "This is my first medal in the combination, and I think it's wonderful," Paerson said. "I was a lit-

tle nervous today." Austria's Marlies claimed bronze in 2:56.40. A technical specialist, Schild was 19th after the downhill but climbed to fourth after the opening slalom run. She then moved into third for a medal after American Lindsey Kildow was unable to maintain her position.

"I'm overjoyed. I didn't have anything more inside to give," Schild said, "After the downhill, I was a bit depressed and then I thought, 'Just go all out in the slalom.' That's why the medal means so much to me. It was mentally a very tough race. In the combined, you have to remain focused for such a long time."

The victory helped make up for Kostelic's recent disappointment, when she skied out in the opening run of the slalom in Zagreb in front of a massive home crowd that turned out for Croatia's first-ever World Cup race.

Kostelic collected gold medals in slalom, giant slalom and combined in the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics. However, Kostelic had been struggling to return to form after missing last season because of her many maladies.

Kostelic won the combined in the 2003 worlds at St. Moritz, Switzerland

#### **World Championships**

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6. Kathrin Zettel, Austria, 2:57.44 (1:33.74-41.42-42.28). 7. Martina Ertl, Germany, 2:57.48 (1:33.44-41.79-42.25). 1:33,44-41,79-42,25). 8. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 2:57.53 (1:32,50-42,20-42,83). 9. Julia Mancuso, United States, 2:57.62 (1:32,96-42,29-42,37). 10. Tina Man-10. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 2:57.81 (1:32.87-42.13-42.81).

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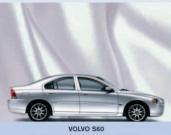
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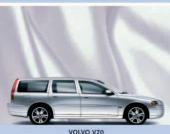
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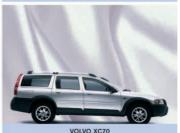
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#### College basketball AP Men's Top 25 fared

Thursday

1. Illinois (22-0) did not play. Next; vs. Indiana, Sunday.

2. North Carolina (18-2) beat North Carolina State 95-71. Next: at Florida State, Sunday.
T Kansas (17-1) did not play. Next: at Ne-3. Kansas (17-1) did not play. Next: at Ne-braska, Saturday. 4. Duke (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Georgia Tech, Saturday. 5. Boston College (19-0) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Saturday. 6. Kentucky (16-2) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday. 7. Wake Forest (18-3) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Saturday. 8. Syracuse (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. 7. Waxe
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9. Louisville (19-3) did not play. Next: at AlSama-Birmingham, Saturday,
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SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Announced Mike Renfeldt will join the club as a consultant.

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MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE—Repri-nanded Brigham Young F Chris Miles for icking Utah F-C Andrew Bogut in a Jan. 31

CENTRAL MICHIGAN—Named Robert Diaco o-defensive coordinator and linebackers oach and Kerry Cook safeties coach. OCULMBIA—Named Salvator P. Verdi Jr. Reterim women's Daskeball coach. MONTANA STATE-BILLINGS—Announced it ill leave the Pacific West Conference in the ext academic year and join the Heartland

Conference.

NEBRASKA—Named Kevin Cosgrove
strongside linebackers coach, Bill Busch
strong, free safeties and special teams
coach and Phil Elmassian cornerbacks

coach, **RUTGERS**—Named Rick Freeman and Jim Agnello assistant baseball coaches. **SMU**—Named Joe Tumpkin linebackers

oach. TEXAS TECH—Announced F John Ofoegbu TEAS TECH—Announced F John Ofoegbu has left the men's basketball team. WINSTON-SALEM STATE—Named Mike Ketchum defensive coordinator and Lin-wood Ferguson linebackers coach.

## Carolina leaves N.C. State feeling blue

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Freshman Marvin Williams had a season-high 20 points, Rashad Mc-Cants scored 18 and Sean May had 16 points

Men's and Top 25

14 rebounds to lead 2 North Carolina to a victory 95-71 over North Carolina State on

Thursday night

Raymond Felton added 10 assists for the Tar Heels (18-2, 7-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) North Carolina won for the 18th time in its nast 19 games desnite

ing scorer Jawad Williams, 10 under his average

Julius Hodge had 18 points for the Wolfnack (13-8, 3-5), who are 3-7 in their past 10 games.

No. 13 Washington 99, Southern California 69: At Seattle, Tre Simmons scored 29 points and Jamaal Williams added 21 to lead the Huskies (18-3, 8-2 Pac-10).

Simmons was 11-for-21 from the field - including six three-pointers - and had six rebounds and three assists. Williams was 9-for-10 from the field and Will Conroy had 13 points

and 10 assists Lodrick Stewart had 13 points for the Trojans (9-12, 2-8), who have lost three straight

No. 14 Arizona 97. California 76: At Tucson, Channing Frve had 20 points and seven rebounds the Wildcats (18-4, 8-2 Pac-10), who won for the 15th time in 17 games by bouncing back from a home loss to Wash ington State, which had lost 38 in

a row to Arizona. Richard Midgley had 18 points and six rebounds for the Golden Bears (11-9, 4-6), who had a winning three-game

No. 17 Gonzaga 68, Saint Mary's 63: At Spokane, Wash.,

-mail: yokota@fe

Derek Raivio and Adam Morrison each scored 19 points and the Bulldogs held Saint Mary's to two field goals over the final 12 min-

utes Gonzaga (16-4, 6-2) avenged an earlier loss to Saint Mary's and climbed into a tie for first place in the West Coast Conference with

E.J. Rowland had 18 points for Saint Mary's (19-6, 6-2), which was trying to become the first WCC team to beat Gonzaga twice in a season since San Diego in

the Gaels

Gonzaga is 33-0 at home when ranked and the Bulldogs have won 21 straight home games.

### James, at 20, will start for East in NBA All-Star tilt

The Associated Pr

MIAMI - LeBron James has already had his share of accomplishments in his young NBA ca-

He's the reigning rookie of the year, is often mentioned as an MVP candidate, has more fame and fortune than he'll ever need and has transformed the Cleveland Cavaliers into a playoff con-

tender. But James ranked Thursday's news among his career highlights: The kid is now an All-Star

The 20-year-old James will be the second-youngest starter in All-Star history, after collecting more votes than any other Eastern Conference guard in fan balloting. Only Kobe Bryant, who was 19 when he made his All-Star debut in 1998, made an earlier appearance in the NBA's midseason showcase event.

'It means a lot, man. It means a lot because it's part of the fans, said James, the only NBA player averaging at least 25 points, seven rebounds and seven assists this season. "The fans do all the voting. To know I've got that many fans, you know, it's a light in my heart and one of the best

things that's happened to me.' The other nine starters for the Feb. 20 game in Denver are All-Star returnees

Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets received a record 2.558.278 votes in winning the starting spot at center for the Western Conference for the third straight year. He will line up alongside Minnesota's Kevin Garnett, San Antonio's Tim Duncan, the Los Angeles Lakers' Bryant and Houston's

Tracy McGrady. Miami center Shaquille O'Neal's 2,488,089 votes topped the East balloting and easily earned him his 12th All-Star trip. He'll be joined by James, Philadelphia's Allen Iverson, New Jersey's Vince Carter and Orlando's Grant Hill — who edged Indi-ana's Jermaine O'Neal by just 65.051 votes for the final forward

Yao and Shaq surpassed the previous record vote total of 2.451.136 cast for Chicago's Michael Jordan in 1997

"Thank you to the fans," Shaqui-lle O'Neal said. "I've been fortunate enough to go every year that I've been in the NBA, and I want to thank them. I appreciate it."

Jermaine O'Neal, a starter for the East last year, missed 15 games earlier this season after being suspended for his part in a brawl with Detroit fans during a Nov. 19 Pacers-Pistons game. He is averaging 26.2 points and 9.3 re-bounds, while Hill is averaging 18.9 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.6

Hill, sidelined for most of the past three seasons after undergoing four surgical procedures on his troublesome left ankle, was selected an All-Star for the first time since 2001

All-Star reserves, selected by the league's coaches, will be announced next Tuesday.



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## as reserves play key roles

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — As soon as the final buzz-er sounded, Leonard Lynce ran to injured teammate Travis Ekmark and playfully began talking him

"Travis who? Travis who?" Lynce said, smiling and playfully shoving Ekmark, seconds after the Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils downed the St. Mary's International Titans 63-43 on Friday without Ekmark, one of Kinnick-"Big Three" star players, who's

sidelined with a fractured finger. Ekmark, who averages 17 points and 11 rebounds a game,

didn't seem to mind the kidding Rather, he looked thrilled that his team would roll so easily after entering the game worrying

about his absence "I knew the whole season they could do it. Everything clicked," Ekmark said of a team that led from the start, by as many as 25 in one stretch, and got a huge contribution from backup point guard Kyle Loker, who scored 12

points "Kyle had been kind of timid" through much of the season, Ekmark said, "but it was a whole different guy from the one we'd been seeing. Everybody was asking him, 'Where you been all this

Ekmark suffered the finger

umph over Robert D. Edgren. He'll wear a cast until the Far East Class AA Tournament Feb. 21-26 on Okinawa, at which time

it will be decided if he'll play.
The other members of the "Big Three," Lynce and center Paul Ergus, produced the lion's share numbers. Lynce rang up 17 points, seven rebounds and five steals. Ergus led the Devils with 19 points and grabbed five

hoards The bench's performance provided a needed confidence boost for Kinnick heading into Class AA. The Devils finished second in Class AA last year with a team long on starting power but short

on substitutes, Lynce said. "This year, all 10 players can contribute. It (bench) gives us quality minutes and gives the starters a rest," Lynce said. "That makes a big difference."

Friday's verdict improved Kinnick (18-1 overall) to 10-0 in the Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools, a game ahead of Yokota (10-2). The Titans (11-8, 6-5) lost their third straight.

It also should send a message to the rest of the league and Class AA field, coach Nathan Brewster

"We came out to prove that we were for real," he said. "A lot of people thought we would become mortal (without Ekmark). We played immortally tonight."

## Red Devils beat St. Mary's NHL on brink of cancellation

By IRA PODELL The Associated Press

NEW YORK - NHL labor talks ended Friday after a four-hour meeting, leaving the hockey season on the brink of

being canceled. The sides met for the third straight day, but made no progress on the major stumbling block: a salary cap. The NHL has insisted on a link between league revenue and player costs; the players' association has steadfastly refused that as a solution to end

the season-long lockout. "The parties met again today for approximately four hours and the discussions broke off with no progress to report," NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin said in a

statement. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and players' association executive director Bob Goodenow rejoined the discussions Thurs day, and were at the table for Fri-

day's session. Goodenow left the meeting and said he was returning to Toronto.

The NHL indicated that progress was essential in these talks if there was to be hockey this season

"We had extensive and constructive talks over the past two NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said in a statement. "While there are no future meetings scheduled, we have agreed

to keep the lines of communication open.

The 41/2-month lockout reached its 142nd day Friday and has wiped out 775 regular-season games and the All-Star Game. The remainder of the 1,230-game schedule could be called off with-

"Despite several media reports to the contrary, we have no intention of making any further announcement relating to collective bargaining or the status of the season at this time," Daly said.

On Wednesday, the players' as-sociation quickly rejected the league's proposal because it included a salary cap. That session was the fifth in a two-week span that Bettman and Goodenow didn't attend. Right after that meeting, the union invited the league back to the table and wanted the two leaders there.

Bettman and Goodenow were needed in the room before any deal could possibly be reached No major league in North America has lost an entire season to a labor dispute.

Saskin and John McCambridge also took part in the negotiations on the union side, while Daly and lawyer Bob Batterman represented the league. Those four were the only participants in Wednesday's session.

The NHL proposed a six-year deal Wednesday that contained a

spend at least \$32 million on play er costs but no more than \$42 million, including benefits. The

union needed only a few hours to turn it down. There were other components to the offer, such as a profit-sharing plan, reduced age for unrestricted free agency, a raise of the minimum salary, and the contin-ued conclusion of guaranteed con-

tracts, but the issue has always been about a salary cap. Bettman has said that teams lost more than \$1.8 billion over 10 years and management will not agree to a deal without a defined relationship between revenue and salaries.

Last season's average salary was \$1.8 million, and the NHL wants to push that back with a salary cap. The latest offer would give players between 53 and 55 percent of league revenue. An economic study commissioned by the NHL found that players got 75 percent of revenues, but the union has challenged many of the league's findings

The NHL has been operating under the same collective bar gaining agreement since 1995, when the last lockout went 103 days before a 48-game regular season was played.

The Stanley Cup has been awarded every year since 1919, when a flu epidemic wiped out the final series between Montreal and Seattle

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## Thrashers' Heatley gets probation in friend's death

The Associated Dusco

ATLANTA — Atlanta Thrashers star Dany Heatley was sentenced Friday to three years of probation and must give 150 speeches about the dangers of speeding after pleading guilty in the death of teammate Dan Snyder in a car accident.

Heatley pleaded guilty to four of the six charges he faced. In exchange, the only felony charge first-degree vehicular homicide was dropped along with a

charge of reckless driving.

He pleaded guilty to second-degree vehicular homicide, driving too fast for conditions, failure to maintain a lane and speeding for the Sept. 29, 2003 car crash in Atlanta that killed his 25-year-old teammate.

"The mistake I made that night was speeding," Heatley said during sentencing. "This mistake will

stay with me the rest of my life." Police estimated that Heatley, MVP of the 2003 NHI. All-Star Game, was driving his black Ferrari convertible 60-90 mph on a curved road in a residential area when it ran into a brick pillar and

iron fence.

Authorities said Heatley had consumed some alcohol but was not intoxicated. Snyder, a passenger, died after several days in a coma.

Had the case gone to trial, Heatley faced up to 20 years in prison and fines totaling \$5,000. The

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plea deal also allowed Heatley, a Canadian citizen, to avoid any threat of deportation, and therefore should not affect his ability to play in the NHL. The players have been locked out this season and the season is on the verge of

cancellation.
Snyder's father, Graham, and brother, Jake, both testified that they didn't want Heatley to go to jail or lose his hockey career. The judge took that into consider-

#### Marlins reach agreement

with city, county on ballpark
MIAMI — The Florida Marlins
reached an agreement in principle with the city and Miami-Dade
County on a plan for a \$420 million ballpark adjacent to the Orange Bowl, but the deal still needs

\$60 million from the state.

The agreement awaits anticipated approval later this month by city and county commissioners. That would leave the Florida Legislature as the final hurdle.

The state has rejected two previous proposals by the Marlins for a new ballpark. Gov. Jeb Bush said the team will get a "fair hearing" in Tallahassee, but he was noncommittal on whether state money should be used to help finance a ballpark.

#### Mickelson's 60 leads FBR

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phil Mickelson tied the course record with 11-under-par 60 in Friday's second round to share the 36-hole lead in the FBR Open.

Mickelson birdied the final five holes to finish one stroke shy of the PGA record for 18 holes — 59, held by Al Geiberger, Chip Beck and David Duval.

"It was a wonderful day," Mickelson said. "No complaints here." Mickelson was tied with Kevin Na at 9-under 133 halfway through the 72-hole tournament.

through the 72-hole tournament. It was the lowest round ever for Mickelson in an official PGA event. He shot a 59 last Nov. 24 in the PGA Grand Slam. Mickelson tied the FBR Open course record set by Grant Waite in 1996 and matched by Mark Calcavecchia

Mickelson had nine birdies and an eagle on the par-71, 7,216-yard Tournament Players Club course, where he won in 1996.

#### Dillon added to Pro Rowl

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — New England running back Corey Dillon was selected for his fourth Pro Bowl on Friday, making him

the second member of the AFC champions to be added to the roster as an injury replacement. He replaces Indianapolis Colts

running back Edgerrin James, who has a back injury. Dillon is the sixth Patriot in the Pro Bowl. Tom Brady, Larry Izzo, Richard Seymour and Adam Vinatieri were originally selected to the team, and Tedy Bruschi was an injury replacement for Baltimore linebacker Rav Lewis.

#### Falcons RB Dunn chosen NFL Man of the Year

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Atlanta running back Warrick Dunn was honored Friday as the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year for his "Homes For The Holiday" program, which helps single mothers become first-time homeowners.

Dunn rushed for 1,106 yards and nine touchdowns this season, helping the NFC South champion Falcons reach the NFC championship game, which they lost to the Philadelbhia Eagles.

#### MSG makes bid for Jets stadium site

NEW YORK — Madison Square Garden, the highest-profile opponent of a proposed \$1.4 billion West Side stadium, said Friday it was offering \$600 mil lion for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority-owned property targeted for the project.

"Please let us know as soon as possible if the MTA is prepared to proceed with this exciting proposal," said an out-of-the-blue letter from Hank Ratner, vice chairman of Madison Square Garden, L.P., to MTA Chairman Peter Ka-

The value of the property, as-

sessed by the MTA to be worth \$330 million, has become a huge sticking point in negotiations between the MTA and the New York Jets, the team that hopes to become the stadium's prime tenant at the start of the 2009 season.

The Garden, owned by the Dolan family, proposed a "dynamic mixed-use community centered on residential development" as opposed to the NFL stadium that would also serve as the centerpiece of the city's bid for 2012 Olympics. The Dolans fear the new stadium; could draw

events away from the Garden.

Deputy Mayor Daniel Doctoroff in a statement called MSG's
offer "a desperate, last-minute attempt to derail" the project.

#### Appellate court reinstates lawsuit against Jordan

CHICAGO — An appellate court has ruled that a woman who accused Michael Jordan of reneging on a promise to pay her \$5 million to keep quiet about an affair presented sufficient facts to pursue her case in court.

The ruling Thursday by the Illinois Court of Appeals said Karla Knafel's breach of contract lawsuit should be reinstated along with a lawsuit filed by Jordan accusing her of extortion. In 2003, Cook County Judge Richard A. Siebel threw out both lawsuits.

Jordan's lawyer, Frederick J. Sperling, said he would ask the Illinois Supreme Court to hear the case.



## **Emmitt Smith left NFL the way he played — with style**

BY JAIME ARON The Associated Press

DALLAS - Even in the way he retired. Emmitt Smith showed a knack for reading blocks and pick-

ing the right hole He said goodbye Thursday at the site of the Super Bowl, sur-rounded by football's biggest stars and swarms of media. Better yet, it happened to be in his home state of Florida, where he broke onto the scene as a high school sensation then became a college star.

And, best of all, he went out on his own terms.

Although he didn't crack 20,000 career rushing yards as he hoped, Smith knew he wouldn't get the chance, at least not from the only two teams he'd consider. So it didn't make much sense to stick around.

"I'm happy," Smith said during a tearful, hourlong news conference. "I've given everything I could possibly give to the game

Closing the book on Smith's record-shattering career revives the debate about where he ranks among the NFL's greatest run-

#### Appreciation

With Smith, though, the point isn't whether he belongs ahead of, behind or between the likes of Jim Brown, Walter Payton and Barry Sanders. What matters is that Smith belongs in the conver-

Told he was too small and too slow to make it at the next level pretty much from the time he began playing football, Smith lacked blazing speed, jaw-dropping moves or a battering run-ning style. His trademark was more tangible - accomplishments, as in four rushing titles, three Super Bowl championships and MVP awards for the regular season and the Super Bowl.

Then there are the records: most carries (4,409), yards rushing touchdowns (164) and 100-yard games (78).

Smith also has the most 1.000-yard seasons with 11, and went over 1,400 yards five years in a row - another unprecedent-

In some sports, those marks

of longevity. It's quite the opposite in football, where durability is the ultimate compliment, especially for a running back.

"Look at me, I'm only 5-9, 215 pounds," Smith said Thursday, for once basking in his stature. "People see guys like Charles Haley and other big guys and ask me, 'How in the world do you do it?' Sometimes I look at myself and say, 'How in the world do I do it?' I take a lot of pride in going out and doing it.

The biggest criticism on Smith's career is how easy he supposedly had it, that if someone else had his blockers and was sup ported by a passing game featuring Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin, they would've done just as well, if not better.

The reality, though, is that no one else had that chance. Smith did and he made the most of it On Thursday, he described it as fulfilling his destiny.

"I'm glad I was able to recognize my talent and my opportunities and capitalize on them," he

said. Smith was a complete player, too — a solid receiver and a heck

of a blocker, flipping over more than one blitzing defender. He also was driven. He recalled Thursday the oft-told story of him sitting down as a rookie and writing down his career goals, which included passing Walter Payton to become the leading rusher in

league history. He expects someone to eventually catch him. But he also knows it won't be easy.

"It takes grace, it takes desire, it takes determination, a lot of ability and a short-term memory," Smith said. "You have to forget what you did before and prepare every year like it's your first year, making that sacrifice and commitment

All his best traits came together on Jan. 2. 1994. Though not the best game of his career, it's certainly the most memorable.

Despite separating his right shoulder, Smith ran 32 times and caught 10 passes for 229 vards and a touchdown leading Dallas to a 16-13 overtime victory over the New York Giants in the season finale

The victory propelled the Cowboys to a second straight Super Bowl title and cemented his status among the game's elite play-

Then again, defying the odds was an underlying theme through out Smith's career. He liked people to say he couldn't do some-thing, and then he'd go prove he

Sixteen players were drafted before Dallas took Smith, including another running back: Blair Thomas. Of those 16, only Junior Seau and possibly Cortez Kennedy will even come close to the Hall of Fame, while Smith already can book a hotel room in Canton, Ohio, in August 2010.

Smith could've called it a career two years ago, when Dallas was ready to move on without him, but felt he still had some yards left, maybe enough to crack 20,000

His quest failed in more ways than the obvious. He damaged his reputation with some of the things he did and said, but Thurs-

day's thank you-filled speech was all about making amends. In a few weeks, he'll sign a one-day contract with Dallas so his retirement will be officially listed as happening for the Cowboys.

Regardless, his place in foot-ball history already is secure.

## German boxing great, Louis foe Schmeling dies at 99

By ROY KAMMERER

The Associated Press BERLIN - Max Schmeling. the heavyweight champion whose two fights with Joe Louis set off a propaganda war between the Nazi regime and the United States on the eve of World War II, died at 99

Schmeling, one of Germany's biggest sports figures, died Wednesday at his home in Hollenstedt, his foundation in Hamburg

The boxer was buried Friday next to his wife, Anny Ondra, in Hollenstedt at a ceremony attended by a small circle of friends, the foundation added. Pastor Olaf Koenitz said it was Schmeling's wish to be buried privately. Schmeling's extraordinary ca-

reer will be remembered for his bouts with Louis, which produced a lasting bond between the boyers despite a politically charged atmosphere when they fought

Born Sept. 28, 1905 of humble origins in a small town in the state of Brandenburg, Schmeling be-came interested in boxing after seeing a film about the sport



heavyweight world champion when beat Jack Shar-

key in New Schmeling York on June 12, 1930 after the American disqualified for

fourth-round low blow. He was the only German to be world heavyweight champion.

Schmeling lost his title to Sharkey two years later on a disputed decision, but came back to knock out the previously unbeaten Louis in the 12th round on June 19, 1936, which the Nazi regime trumpeted as a sign of "Aryan supremacy.

Schmeling was a 10-1 underdog and his victory is considered one of the biggest upsets in boxing history. But in a rematch at Yankee Stadium on June 22. 1938. Louis knocked out Schmeling in the first round.

At first, Schmeling was popular in the United States. But by the

time the rematch took place, he was viewed as a symbol of the Nazis. The fight was portrayed in both countries as good vs. evil

The Nazis sought to project Schmeling as an Aryan Super-President Franklin

Roosevelt invited Louis to the White House to exhort the black boxer to beat Schmeling.

Louis, then the champion, sent the German challenger to the canvas four times and knocked him out in 2 minutes, 4 seconds of the first round.

"Looking back, I'm almost happy I lost that fight," Schmeling said in 1975, "Just imagine if I would have come back to Germany with a victory. I had nothing to do with the Nazis, but they would

have given me a medal. After the war I might have been considered a war criminal.

After the loss, the Nazis distanced themselves from Schmel-

In 1940, he was drafted into the military as a parachutist. A year later, he was severely injured and hospitalized for months.

Despite the picture of him in the United States as a tool of the Nazis, Schmeling had run-ins with the regime even before the first Louis fight.

Although he had lunched with Hitler and had long discussions with his propaganda minister Jo-seph Goebbels. Schmeling angered the Nazi bosses in 1935 by refusing to join the Nazi party, fire his Jewish-American manag

Joe Jacobs, and divorce Ondra, a Czech-born film star.

During the 1936 Berlin Olympics, Schmeling extracted a prom-ise from Hitler that all U.S. athletes would be protected. He hid two Jewish boys in his Berlin apartment during Kristallnacht (the night of broken glass) in 1938, when the Nazis burned books in a central square and rampaged through the city, setting synagogues on fire.

He reportedly used his influence to save Jewish friends from concentration camps.

After the war, Schmeling was nearly destitute and fought five more times for the money. He retired after a 10-round loss Walter Neusel in 1948 at 43 with a record of 56-10-4 with 39 knock-





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# **Common sense approaches**

## Belichick and Reid have built teams using same philosophy: Win as team

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Andy Reid and Bill Belichick have almost nothing in com-mon. And yet Andy Reid and Bill Belichick have almost everything in common

When Reid's Philadelphia Eagles and Beli-chick's New England Patriots meet in Sun-day's Super Bowl, the similarities will be much more important: Both teams are as well constructed and well meshed as possible in an era when free agency and the salary cap force annual changes

It's all in the team philosophy, a concept easily preached, less easily followed.

"We understand that no one guy on the team is bigger than anyone else," Corey Simon of the Eagles said this week, a couple of hours before New England's Deion Branch "No one cares about individual glory. We're a team, not a collection of individuals

That applies even to players who don't fit the mold, like Corey Dillon of the Patriots, a malcontent in Cincinnati who has thrived in New England, and the Eagles' Terrell Owens. who on Tuesday declared he will play Sunday after being out since Dec. 19 with a severe ankle injury

Yes, Owens is a showboat who calls atten tion to himself even when he's only prancing on the sideline. But he wanted to leave a declining team in San Francisco because he wanted to win, which is what the Eagles do: 56-25 in the past five seasons.

In one way, Owens' injury demonstrates the team concept preached by both coaches.

The Eagles won both their playoff games without Owens, and the Patriots went the second half of the season without their starting cornerbacks, using undrafted rookie Randall Gay and second-year man Asante Samuel as starters and wide receiver Troy Brown as nickel back. Belichick was rewarded for his faith when Brown had three interceptions Again, the team approach is working in New England — and Philadelphia.

"T.O. is a piece of the puzzle, not the entire puzzle." Simon said.

That stars can be interchangeable parts

isn't an accident with these teams.

Brown, who caught 281 passes between 2000-2002, was working out at defensive back in training camp in preparation for the very kind of emergency in the secondary that devel oped. Reid acknowledges he wouldn't hesitate to use a star out of position.

'We just were lucky enough not to have that number of injuries in the same spot," he said. If their outlooks are similar, the backgrounds of the two Super Bowl coaches are polar opposites.

Belichick, son of a career assistant coach at Navy, is Eastern elite. He attended the exclu sive Phillips Andover Academy (the alma mater of, among others, the late baseball Commissioner Bart Giamatti, Humphrey Bogart, Dr. Benjamin Spock and both President Bushes). Then it was on to academically challenging Wesleyan University in Connecticut

where he was a 160-pound center/ tight end. Reid is West Coast plebeian, a member of the Glendale Junior College Hall of Fame and an offensive lineman at BYU on teams quar-terbacked by Jim McMahon. The last time he saw 160 pounds was probably when he was 10 years old. At well over 300 these days, he ridicules himself with fat-guy jokes.

Belichick, who was breaking down film of Navy games and opponents before he was a teenager, entered the NFL as a special assis-

tant coach for Detroit in 1975 at age 23. At 31, he was defensive coordinator of the New York Giants and won Super Bowl rings with them in the 1986 and 1990 seasons. At 38, he was head coach of the Cleveland Browns, where he was just 37-45 in four years.



Andy Reid joined Mike Holmgren's Packers staff in 1992 and won a Super Bowl in 1997. Andy Reid coaching record

# Bill Belichick coaching record

He was fired after going 5-11 in '95, when owner Art Modell announced in midseason he was moving the franchise to Baltimore.

Reid took the more traditional route, climbing the coaching ladder from college to the pros. He went from BYU to San Francisco State to Northern Arizona to Texas-El Paso to Missouri before landing on Mike Holmgren's

coaching staff in Green Bay in 1992. Belichick already had won two Super Bowls

Reid earned a ring as an assistant with the Packers. who beat the Patriots in 1997, when Belichick was assistant head coach to Bill Par-

The biggest differences are the two titles in the last two seasons that Belichick won as a head coach. If the Patriots win Sunday, Belichick will become the first coach to win three

Super Bowls in four years.

"Given the circumstances, Bill Belichick has done maybe the best coaching job in the history of the NFL," said Jimmy Johnson, who won titles in Dallas after the 1992 and 1993 seasons but quit before the Cowboys secured their third title in 1995 under Barry Switzer.



Pats coach Bill Belichick was breaking down film of Navy games before he was a teenager.

As recently as five years ago, no one would have even considered such success for Beli-chick after his contentious four seasons in Cleveland and the circumstances of his hiring in New England.

He had followed Parcells from Foxboro to New York in 1997 with the provision he would become head coach when the man most thought of as his mentor stepped down. Parcells indeed quit as Jets coach after the 1999 season and Belichick got the job.

He quit a day later. Belichick, concerned about the Jets' uncertain ownership, wanted to go to New England. The Jets fought it, and the Parcells-Belichick relationship was severed.

After negotiations that included a court filing, he ended up with the Patriots for a package of draft picks that included a first-rounder in 2000. When Belichick is asked these days to name his football influences, he never mentions Parcells, for whom he worked the better part of two decades. At the time, the episode seemed curious.

Why, Patriots owner Robert Kraft was often asked, would he give so much for a coach with a losing record who was acknowledged to be the NFL's most cerebral coach, but not much of a motivator

I got to know him the first time he was with and I thought he was the brightest coach I'd ever met," Kraft said. "I knew all the reser vations, but I also knew what I was getting. I don't know that I thought we'd win Super Bowls like we are, but I knew we'd have a play off game each year."

There were similar questions about Reid, who was 5-11 in 1999, his first year in Philadelphia, when few people knew much about him and he was almost monosyllabic in most of his public interviews.

All they really needed to know was he used the second pick in the draft on Donovan Mc-Nabb when there was serious pressure on him to take running back Ricky Williams. With Mc-Nabb at quarterback, Reid and the Eagles have made five straight playoff appearances, gone to the NFC title game four straight times and finally got to the Super Bowl this year.
"I wanted a coach who was comfortable

with himself, not the kind who always has to think he has to prove something to his players and the public," owner Jeffrey Lurie said. "That was Andy. I think the record proves I

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"The important thing going into

these games, and what I've

learned, is you need to be well-pre-

pared," Brady said. "When you're

prepared, you're confident going

into a game, you're calm. You have the answers to the test."

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So are the Eagles up to winning Philly's first championship since

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The Eagles answered just about every test this season, but those were like midterms. New

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## **Prime-time players**

#### New England has proven performers in the clutch; Philly's seem untested

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - With the game on the line, the New England Patriots hardly lack for clutch players — Tom Brady, Adam Vinatieri, Rodney Harrison.

With the game on the line, no one is sure if the Philadelphia Eagles have the kind of performers who could lift them past the defending champions in Sunday's Super Bowl.

Though Philly's track record before this year wasn't promising three straight NFC championship game flops - the Eagles insist past failures were erased when they won the conference title.

They'd better be correct, because the Patriots simply don't get stressed out, particularly in the Super Bowl, which they've won two of the past three seasons.

"We haven't been to the Super but we're battle-tested, said All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins, the leader of a defense that includes one starter who has played in the big game - end Jevon Kearse with Tennessee in 2000. "We've been tested in championshin games We feel pressure year after year and we know how to win in those situations."

They hadn't won in crucial situations, though, until beating Atlanta to avoid becoming the first franchise to lose four straight NFC title games. The Patriots have

won eight consecutive postseason games with Brady at quarterback and Bill Belichick as coach, and they are seven-point favorites over Philadelphia

"I don't feel we're at a disadvantage," coach Andy Reid said. "They go in and think they are as good as anybody in the NFL, but they understand they have to prove it every Sunday

Especially against a team on the verge of being considered a dynasty. Not only are there questions about how the Eagles might perform on such a stage, but there are no questions about how the Patriots will deal with it. They've already successfully displayed their steely nerves and skills under the burning spotlight - twice.



Patriots QB Tom Brady has led two last-minute drives that have resulted in Super Bowl victories.

## **Encore:** Pats, Eagles have super futures **ENCORE, FROM BACK PAGE**

More likely, as Brady noted, those teammates will stay

"Anyone who plays on the Pats understands that our goal is a team goal," he said. "You make sacrifices to fit into a general structure of what the team is trying to accomplish

What the Patriots are trying to accomplish is to equal the Cowhove' three titles in four seasons (1992, '93 and '95) under far more difficult circumstances. Just ask Jimmy Johnson, who coached the first two of those championship teams in Dallas

"Yeah, I think they are a dynas ty since the salary-cap era," Johnson said. "I think the job Bill Belichick and that organization and his coaches have done might he the best coaching job ever in the history of the NFL. Because when you get free agency and movement and you've got to get them ready to play not only every year but every week, a dif ferent group, vou've got to be a pretty good football coach."

Andy Reid has shown he's a good coach, too, getting the Eagles to four straight NFC title games. They finally got back to the Super Bowl — first time in 24 years by beating Atlanta last month

Even if the Eagles fail Sunday, don't expect them to fade away.

They have \$18 million available to spend, and though six starters are unrestricted free agents - Corey Simon, Jermane Mayberry, Jeremiah Trotter. Derrick Burgess, Chad Lewis and Jon Ritchie — only losing Trotter would be particularly damaging.

ers signed to long-term contracts. including Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens, Jevon Kearse, Brian Dawkins, Lito Sheppard, Michael Lewis and Sheldon Brown.

Kearse was signed as a free agent last year and Owens was acquired in a trade.

Also, the NFC is a mess, with the Eagles far superior to other teams. The Patriots don't have that luxury in the stacked AFC

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie styled his organization after such past dynasties as the Cowboys and 49ers. Minus the championships, his franchise is similar to Kraft's

"We are the two winningest teams this decade," Lurie said. Both invested well over \$300 million in new stadiums. We each hired coaches in an unorthodox fashion - us a non-coordinator and Bob trading for Bill.

"Both teams are built around franchise quarterbacks. Both are high-character teams. There are a lot of similar value systems for each team. We each place a high value on the quality of neonle in our organization. And it's not just high character, but high intelligence — people who like to think outside the box and people willing to make controversial and unpopular decisions. We both understand that decisions need to be made that sustain the long-term excellence of the franchise

Most of those decisions have been on target. Even though the Patriots or Eagles will lose Sunday, they could have something else in common next year, and the year after.

More Super Bowl appearances. Philadelphia Eagles Head Coach: Andy Reid

#### Game-by-game results



N.Y. Giants

Minnesota

at Chicago

at Detroit

Carolina

Baltimore at Pittsburgh

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not only deserve to be here they've done about as much as you could possibly do this year as a football team." The final proving ground is Sun-

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## A malcontent in Cincy, Dillon's well-adjusted in New England

The Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE. Fla. - He heard himself called a selfish player, a malcontent, a had teammate What really got to Corey Dillon was that for the first seven years of his career he never heard anyone call him a winner.

"For years, I really lost hope," the New England Patriots running back said as he prepared to play the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl. "I really thought I'd never get to this stage, but I just kept .. I love going to work and working hard to try to help this organization win.

Dillon had never been in the playoffs before this year, slogging through in Cincinnati, growing dissat-

isfied with losing and the team's increasing dependence on him to carry the offense. He ran for a then-record 278 yards in a game in 2000, and he had more than 1,100 yards in each of his first six seathan

But in 2003 his last year in Cincinnati, he injured his groin and grumbled about becoming part of the "Bungles" legacy of "Bungles" legacy of losing. He wanted out, and by that time the Bengals were happy to get rid of him. It was almost unfair when the defending Super Bowl champs got Dillon for a second-round draft pick on the Massachu setts holiday called Patriots Day.

Antowain Smith was a steady but unspectacular running back on both championship teams, and there was no doubt Dillon was an upgrade. But would he fit the team-first attitude of the New England locker room, where dissension is discouraged and going public with your com plaints is just not done? In vetting Dillon

with his former teammates, coaches and friends, the Patriots concluded he wouldn't be a problem at all.

"He was a heck of a player with the Cincinnati Bengals, and he's been really good with said Scott Pioli, the Patriots' head of player personnel "All of us have reputations that precede us. So you sit with a person, man or woman, and find out what and who they are for yourself. We try to avoid judging people before we spend time with them "

Dillon was concerned enough about his reputation that he addressed his new teammates when he arrived, asking them to keep an open mind. They did, and Dillon thrived in a system where no player is the focus of the offense in a locker room where no player is treated like a star.

"Nobody really passed judgment on me," Dillon said. "I'm pretty sure that it was in everyone's mind: Let's see what this guy is all about and see if the rumors are true. But just right off the bat, everyone

He ran for more than 100 yards in nine of 15 games this year — and never for fewer than 79. He missed the biggest game of the regular season, at Pittsburgh, with a thigh injury. Without him, New England ran for 5 yards on six carries and lost to the Steelers on Oct. 31, ending its 21-game winning streak and costing it home-field advantage for the AFC title game

In his playoff debut against the Colts on Jan. 16, Dillon carried 23 times for 144 yards as the Patriots ran Indianapolis out of the postseason, earning him the nickname "Clock-Killin' Dillon."

"You have to hit him. You have to play sound fun damental football" to stop Dillon, Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter said.

"He is a big guy. He is a guy who will run hard and try to run over you, but he can break the big one. You definitely have to have a lot of guys around him with the football." And that opens the field for the passing

"He's added a great element to this team, quarterback Tom Brady said. "He brings toughness to the of-fense just by the way he runs the ball, and he's very excited. You can tell in practice."

Even as he dis-tanced himself from teammates and media in Cincinnati, no one ever questioned Dillon's work ethic or his talent But he recoiled when asked to be a leader in the locker room, and he began complaining when a groin injury forced him to share the job with Rudi Johnson After the last game

his final season there, he threw his pads, spikes and jersey into the stands, then cleaned out his locker. cized him, and the Bengals had no choice but to trade him.

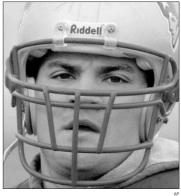
Dillon acknowledged he brought to New England "that stigma of being a bad guy in the locker room and being selfish." But he has maintained he was only worn down by year after year of losing.

"I think the thing that irritated me the most was when they said that I was a can cer to the team. That really kind of ruffled me a little bit," Dillon said. "For a guy that,

for seven years, went out and put his heart and soul on that field, and at the end of the day be looked upon as the reason why we weren't successful — that rubbed me the wrong way."

No matter what happens Sunday, Dillon has already shed his image as a malcontent. Should the Patriots win, he will have a new reputation

"I like to compete and win," he said. "That's how I was brought up from Pop Warner. I wanted to win that bad. At times my behavior may have been sporadic, but I was [angry]. I wanted to win. Now I'm getting an opportunity to.



Patriots coach Bill Belichick said of middle linebacker Tedy Bruschi (above), "He just has a great sense of how to play football,

## The face of the Patriots

New York Daily News

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The New England Patriots think of themselves as a team, but if there is one individual who personifies that team, it is middle linebacker Tedy Bruschi.

Bruschi never has been to a Pro Bowl in nine seasons in New England, but this is his fourth Super Bowl and third season as defensive captain.

He is one of many Patriots who does everything well. And he is one subject that Bill Belichick has no problem talking about.

"It's huge," he said of Bruschi's presence in the middle of the defense. "Bruschi is a fun player to coach. He's got great versatility, a very high level of energy and enthusiasm that he brings to the team. He's a smart player. He in stinctively seems to do everything right in the right situation.

"He's a guy you want on your special teams and he's involved in lot of situations defensively from subdefense to goal line and all the things in between

Bruschi never comes up in a discussion of great middle line backers. He's no Ray Lewis. But Bruschi fits Belichick's blueprint for versatility.

The coach recalled times when Bruschi was put in unfamiliar sit-

"You can't go over everything that happens. You might be stand ing there, saying, 'We've never gone over this with Tedy.' Well, he almost always does the right thing," Belichick said. "He just knows how to play. He knows how to play with power, he knows when to try to squish people in the pass rush, he knows when to tackle a guy low and when to try to go sense of how to play football

"Obviously, Tedy is that focus point for us," linebacker Mike Vrabel said. "He's the defensive captain, he calls the signals and makes lot of huge plays. Every week, it's a pick, a fumble ... he's going to do something.'

Bruschi is not one of the five Patriots heading to the Pro Bowl (two are special teamers), along with 10 Eagles. Asked if he cared, he said, "Look at me. Do I look like I care?

"Our identity," he said, "is the word team."

When Bruschi was told he is the nersonification of that team. he blushed.

I think that's the highest compliment you can give me," he said Because I'm just being who I am and who I was raised to be, a team player. I'm not looking for the spotlight, just looking for how to win.

"We sort of look for guys who can do more than just one thing. Vrabel was a defensive end in college, so was Willie McGinest. To play on this team, you've got to be multi-dimensional because when we're playing out there on Sunday, everything is in our repertoire."

Bruschi was an undersized defensive tackle at Arizona where he tied Derrick Thomas' career sack record with 52. He was a two-time finalist for the Lombardi Award.

"You look at him and you can't even picture him as a defensive tackle, yet he was one of the best in the country," Belichick said.

But after starting his career on the line (he picked up two sacks in the 1997 Super Bowl) he Super Bowl) he worked his way into a part-time linebacker spot the next season By the end of '98, he was a fixture. Now, he's a symbol.



In his first season with the New England Patriots, Corey Dillon (28) broke Curtis Martin's franchise record for rushing yards in a season, set in 1995.

#### Patriot missile

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# Westbrook key for Philly offense

## Elusive Pro-Bowl running back proves indispensable for Eagles

BY ROB MAADDI

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.

— With each fake and every juke,
Brian Westbrook leaves defenders grabbing for air and coaches
searching for answers.

The New England Patriots will get a first-hand look at the elusive Pro Bowl running back when they play the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

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"He's such a great athlete," Patriots safety Eugene Wilson said.
"He can run, he can catch ... he's fast. They do a lot of things with him We have to be ready."

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The versatile Westbrook became one of the NFL's best all-around players in his first season as the Eagles' primary running back He ran for 812 yards and three touchdowns and led all backs with 73 catches for 703 yards and six TDs in just 13

Not bad for a guy considered too small to be more than just a third-down back in the NFL.

"When people put that label on me, I hear it and I keep going," said Westbrook, generously listed at 5-foot-10 and 205 pounds. "But my ambition and my goals are what drive me.

"I think because of my size and where I went to school, people put that tag on me pretty early without even giving me the opportunity to be a feature running back I think that was wrong. That's what analysts do, that's what people do. For me, I just have to go along my way and prove them wrong."

The speedy Westbrook set an NCAA record with 9,885 all-purpose yards, including 84 TDs in 46 games, for Division I-AA Vill-anova. A third-round pick in 2002, he has developed into one of the Eagles' most indispensable players.

With Westbrook sidelined with a triceps injury last season, the Eagles couldn't get past the NFC championship game, their third loss in a row in the title game. When they finally made it to the Super Bowl on this try, All-Proreceiver Terrell Owens was missing but not Westbrook.

"He's a triple threat just like Marshall Faulk was, the blocken, the catcher, the runner," quarterback Donovan McNabb said, comparing Westbrook to St. Louis' running back and past NFL MVP. "He's very intelligent and able to whatever it takes to win."

If only he were a few inches taller, Westbrook might have been playing in the NBA instead of the NFL. He grew up excelling in football and basketball, but colleges weren't interested in his hoops skills because of his size.

"My dreams got shot down early." Westbrook said.

Still, he insists he can beat Mc-Nabb in a one-on-one pickup game.

"He's a pretty good player, but he can't take me," said McNabb, who was a seldom-used guard at

Syracuse

On the football field, Westbrook is difficult to defend because he isn't easy to find. Though he spends much of his



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Philadelphia Eagles' Brian Westbrook has become one of the NFL's best all-around players in his first season as the Eagles' primary running back. His versatility has impressed his teammates and his opponents.

time behind McNabb in the backfield, he is most dangerous when he lines up as a receiver.

Eagles coach Andy Reid sometimes splits Westbrook wide to the right or left, puts him in either slot or lets him go in motion.

The purpose is to create a mismatch, hoping Westbrook is covered by a linebacker or a safety.

If McNabb sees a favorable matchup on Westbrook, he quickly gets him the ball. The result usually is a long gain or a score.

"He can play every position on the field, whether it's the widest position in the slot, next to the tackle, as a split back, as a single back, or an I-tailback, "offensive coordinator Brad Childress said. "You don't find many people like that. You see many people put there as decoys. He's able to strike from all those positions. His versatility is what impresses me the most."

Westbrook could even be used

Westbrook could even be used as a punt returner. He returned two punts for touchdowns last season, but wasn't used in that role this year because he's such a valuable member of the offense.

Westbrook is more concerned with New England's defense and a linebacking corps that includes Willie McGinest and Tedy Brus-

"They're very good linebackers. They're very active, they're good tacklers, strong guys and very physical," Westbrook said. "So we have to do a good job of getting our linemen positioned to get on top of their linebackers. They do a good job of shedding blocks and making plays in the backfield.

"They're a very physical team.

They have big guys who want to get right up in your face. For us,

we have to be the aggressor."
Westbrook's success should
translate into a bigger paycheck
next season. He'll be a restricted
free agent, meaning the Eagles

can match any team's offer.
With Duce Staley in Pittsburgh
and Correll Buckhalter missing
two of the last three seasons with
injuries, the Eagles can't afford to
let Westbrook go and certainly
have enough money under the sal-

ary can to keep him.
"He has unbelievable athletic talent," Eagles tackle Jon Runyan said. "He is the kind of guy who can change direction and has the speed. His size makes him a smaller target and it sometimes makes it hard to bring him down. His feet aren't planted in the ground much because he's dancing around people. He is amazing around people.

## Eagles' overshadowed defense one of best in league

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Jim Johnson spends countless hours studying game films, dissecting offenses, searching for weaknesses and plotting his attack.

The other defensive mastermind in this Super Bowl — New England's Bill Belichick owns the "genius" label — isn't high-profile and his unit is underrated. But Johnson has a knack for confusing quarterbacks and shutting down prolific offenses with his complex schemes.

Brett Favre had his worst game of the season in Philadelphia. Daunte Culpepper struggled in the playoffs against the Eagles. Michael Vick never had a chance in the NFC championship game.

Next up is Tom Brady and the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

Johnson, the Eagles' unpredictable defensive coordinator, is busy cooking up another one of his innovative game plans.

"Coach Johnson has the ability to know

what the offense is doing or what blitz call to make," Eagles linebacker Mark Simoneau said Wednesday. "We come from a loor the state of the the backs and the offensive line. You have to have guys who can execute the game plan and we have talented plawers here."

plan and we have talented players here."
Overshadowed by Donovan McNabb,
Terrell Owens and the rest of a high-powered offense, Philadelphia's star-studded
defense, which includes four Pro Bowl
players, is one of the best in the NFL.

When the games mattered, the Eagles had the stringest defense in the league, allowing 222 points in the first 15. They finished tied with the Patriots for second-fewest points allowed after the reserves gave up 38 in the meaningless regular-season finale against Cincinnati.

"There's a lot to be concerned about with those guys," said Brady, who has been MVP of two Super Bowls.

"They have playmakers at every position. They can force you to turn the ball over. They are very explosive on defense and you usually don't hear that."

The addition of defensive end Jevon Kearse almost equaled the impact Owens had on the offense. A disruptive force on the line, Kearse significantly bolstered the pass rush. Johnson utilized Kearse's speed by playing him at both end spots and sometimes at linebacker, confounding quarterbacks and the offensive line.

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Philadelphia finished second in the league with 47 sacks, including 7½ from Kearse, one of just five Eagles — and the only defensive starter — who have played in the Super Bowl. The Eagles get a lot of sacks from their secondary and linebackers because Johnson likes to blitz just about any player on any play.

The Patriots are getting ready for Philadelphia's aggressive style, though they're aware Johnson will adjust on the go.

If Brady has time to throw, he's going against a secondary that includes All-Pro free safety Brian Dawkins, Pro Bowl strong safety Michael Lewis, All-Pro cornerback Lito Sheppard and cornerback Sheldon Brown, who probably was Phila-

Sheidon Brown, who probably was Philadelphia's most consistent defensive back.
Sheppard and Brown quickly earned respect with a strong performance against Minnesota's Randy Moss. They silenced critics who thought the Eagles would miss five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Troy Vin-

cent and nine-year starter Bobby Taylor. Middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter solidified the run defense, which had been Philadelphia's only weakness, when he became a starter midway through the season. Trotter, who began the year playing special teams, was so dominant that he earned his third trip to the Pro Bowl after making just seven starts.

Trotter, along with defensive tackles Corey Simon, Darwin Walker, Hollis Thomas and Sam Rayburn, are the key to stopping New England's Corey Dillon, who ran

ping new England's Corey Dinon, who rain for 1,635 yards and 12 TDs. Since 2000, Johnson's second year in Philadelphia, the Eagles are first in the NFL in fewest points allowed, sacks, red-zone percentage and third-down efficiency.

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## Patriots, Eagles are likely in it for the long haul

By BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl 2005. And 2006. And 2007. Don't laugh. Both franchises are built to last, as much as any team can last in the topsy-turvy NFL of the salary-cap.

free agency era.

Whether the Eagles win their first NFL championship since 1960 on Sunday, or the Patriots become the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years, both will be favorites to win conference titles next season. There is nothing fluly about either franchise.

"We try to use the same formula we use in business," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "And the primary thing is to get good people. And when you get good people who have a long-term commitment and share your vision on

how you want to do things, then good things can happen."
Such as dominating the NFL in a period in which parity
is rampant and 8-8 teams make the playoffs. Not only has
Kraft hired the right people — coach Bill Belichick, vice
president of player personnel Scott Pioli — but Belichick

and Pioli have brought in players who fit perfectly.
That's hardly luck. Sure, they found Tom Brady in the sixth round of the 2000 draft, but they also held onto Brady by keeping four quarterbacks that season, the only team to

do so, Pioli said.

And when Drew Bledsoe got hurt in the second game of 2001, in stepped Brady, who has yet to lose a playoff game.

New England drafts well, particularly after the first

Under the current regime, the Pats have also gotten re-

#### Teams built to last

he top reasons behind the bright futures of the Patriots and Eagles:



Coaching. New England's Bill Belichick (left) and Philadelphia's Andy Reid (right) are among the NFL's top coaches. Belichick has led the Patriots to three Super Bowls in four seasons while Reid has compiled a 64-32 record in six seasons guiding the Eagles.





Finances. The Patriots and Eagles have stayed well under the NHT. Salary cap. New England ranked in the bottom one-third in payroll this season; Philadelphia enters next season \$1.8 million under the cap. Each team has built stadiums in the past three years to generate greater revenue.



Attitude. Players on each team are devoted to the team-first philosophy, exemplified by New England's Troy Brown (left). The 12-year veteran who caught 281 passes from 2000-02, played extensively at cornerback this seaces and finithed the service recogn with 17 presentions.



Youth. Several of each teams' best players, like Philadelphia RB Brian Westbrook (left) and New England QB Tom Brady (right) are young. Westbrook is 25





Structure. Eagles owner Jeff Lurie (left) and Patriots owner Robert Kraft (right) have constructed model NFL franchises. Both hired top-notch executives, do not meddle in personnel matters and are deeply committed to winning.



ceiver David Givens, center Dan Koppen, cornerback Asante Samuel and defensive lineman Jarvis Green in the fourth round or lower. In the second round have come starters Matt Light, Deion Branch and Eugene Wilson.

The Patriots search for a specific kind of player in the draft and, especially, in free agency. They always seem to find them: versatile, unselfish and eager to prove them-

"The system is a system that a player has to be selfless, on petitive environment, and it takes a lot of discipline," Pholi said. "When you talk about discipline, it's not about how long their hair is, or how much jewelry they wear. We have certain expectations of guys being in the right place at the right time and doing their job a certain way."

That's also where the versatility comes into play. So star receiver Troy Brown can become a nickel back. Linebackers Willie McGinest, Tedy Bruschi and Mike Vrabel can pop up anywhere on the field. Five receivers fit into the passing game, and Brady seems comfortable throwing to any of them.

When Belichick sought a running back to balance the offense, the Patriots traded for Corey Dillon, who was labeled a malcontent in Cincinnati. It turned out Dillon's problem was dealing with all the losing the Bengals do. a Patriot, he set a team rushing record and could be a key against the Eagles.

New England is facing the possibility of losing kicker Adam Vinatieri, receiver David Patten and guard Joe Andruzzi as free agents. Add to that list cornerback Ty Law, whose 2005 salarv can hit is a prohibitive \$12.5 million.

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